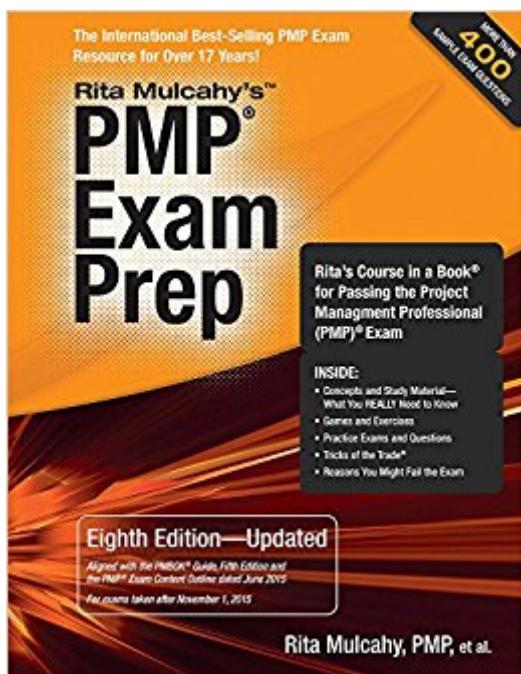


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# PMP Exam Prep, Eighth Edition - Updated: Rita's Course In A Book For Passing The PMP Exam



## **Synopsis**

This book has been FULLY updated to reflect PMI's changes to the PMP Exam Content Outline dated June 2015, and is intended for all PMP exams taken AFTER November 1st, 2015. If you are taking the PMP exam on or before November 1st of 2015, please contact the Publisher. Can you imagine valuing a book so much that you send the author a Thank You letter? Hundreds of thousands of project managers understand why PMP Exam Prep is a worldwide best-seller. Years of PMP exam preparation experience, endless hours of ongoing research, interviews with project managers who failed the exam to identify gaps in their knowledge, and a razor-sharp focus on making sure project managers don't waste a single minute of their time studying are THE reasons this book is the best-selling PMP exam preparation guide in the world. PMP Exam Prep, Eighth Edition contains hundreds of updates and improvements from previous editions--including new exercises and sample questions never before in print. Offering hundreds of sample questions, critical time-saving tips plus games and activities available nowhere else, this book will help you pass the PMP exam on your FIRST try.

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After years of managing projects, I did NOT look forward to preparing for the PMP exam. I was convinced the process was going to be tedious and overwhelming, but I was pleasantly surprised when I opened PMP Exam Prep! From the beginning of the book through the end, I actually ENJOYED my study experience reviewing concepts from a different perspective, learning how these concepts might be asked on the exam, and picking up lots of new tips and techniques to use

on my real-world projects. This book made the certification process not only fun, but extremely valuable in my day-to-day job. I wish I had found this book earlier in my career! Barbara A. Carkenord, PMP, CBAP --International Training Expert and Founder of B2T Training

Rita Mulcahy, PMP, was an international expert in project management Tricks of the Trade and best practices with over 15 years and \$2.5 billion of hands-on experience. During her career, she directly taught tens of thousands of project managers from around the world, and prepared them to pass the PMP exam. Rita spent 7 years as a PMI chapter officer, speaking at PMI Global Congress, Project World, and PMI's International Project Management Symposium to standing room only crowds. Rita was the founder of RMC Project Management, a project management training, consulting and speaking firm helping companies use project management tools and techniques to complete projects faster, cheaper, better, and with fewer resources. RMC Project Management was among the first training firms to ever receive Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) status from the Project Management Institute.

Bottom line - I passed the PMP exam on my first try 3 days ago, and while Rita's 8th edition book was the most valuable source for my study, I didn't feel comfortable having it as my sole source outside the PMBOK. How I prepared: Approximately 2 months study time, 2 hours per day average. Rita Mulcahy's 8th edition Andy Crowe's 5th edition PMBOK guide 5th edition Free practice questions online and iPad apps My take on Rita's Book: Pros- Goes beyond the processes and ITTOs and actually discusses and shows how PMI's framework can make a PM better prepared, more effective, and more knowledgeable. - Sample questions are around the same difficulty that I found on the actual PMP test, all other sources (other than Lehmann's free questions) were easier. - The book itself is well edited for content, I didn't find a single spelling or editorial mistake (the Crowe book is full of them). - Rita's Process map, when combined with what the PMBOK says, brings it all together and makes sense. - Some people say the book has a negative tone (lots of "ways you can fail" or "do you do this on your projects? If not, you better study extra hard because you have bad habits"), however if you can take constructive criticism well, I think you learn a lot from the guidance provided. It helped me! Cons- The organization of the book is similar to others, but less detailed on the actual ITTOs. The book must assume those studying will actually study and read the PMBOK (a good assumption), so in a way it is unnecessary. However, I found that between the 'VCR instructions' style of the PMBOK and the elaborate but not as formally written Rita book, the Andy Crowe 5th edition served as a good bridge. - Each chapter has its own questions, but there is no

"final exam" offered in the book. Therefore you're stuck using example problems that are all similar (you'll take 35 risk questions, then next will be 30 or so procurement questions, etc), which helps you answer them, possibly giving you a false sense of security. The Andy Crowe book offered end of chapter questions, but also a 200 question "final exam".- Most of the exercises in the book are simply blank boxes with questions like "What do you think a PM should do to measure risk?". I didn't find these useful at all, the open endedness was actually very annoying. The exercises regarding calculations were extremely good though.

I passed my PMP two days ago! I took a 4 day bootcamp which was a waste of money, but the instructor from the bootcamp told me to buy Rita's book to get a better understanding. I also bought Head First PMP, McGraw-Hill's PMP Certification Mathematics with CD-ROM and I also signed up for a 20 day pass on PMStudy to take practice test (yeah over kill, but it all paid off in the end). When I took the exam I felt very confident and was able to breeze through the questions. I was able to pass all the sections!!!! I truly believe all the above resources helped me. If you cannot get all the above resources or only have a short window to study I recommend the following:1) DO NOT WASTE MONEY ON A BOOTCAMP!!!!!!2) Buy Rita's book and read as much as you can3) Get McGraw-Hill's PMP Certification Mathematics with CD-ROM to help with the math section (take the practice test on the CD-ROM) 1-2 days before the test. Make sure you understand calculating critical path, and all the necessary formulas (KNOW YOUR FORMULA'S IN YOUR SLEEP!!!!, EAT, DRINK, SLEEP, PLAY WHATEVER YOU DO KNOW YOUR FORMULA'S!!!!) especially AC, PV, EV, CV, CPI, SV, SPI, EAC, BAC, ETC, TCPI, SD, VARIANCE, PV (PRESENT VALUE), Communication Channel4) Sign up for PMStudy 20 days worth of testing!!!! Take the first test to see where you are, study study study the knowledge areas where you are weak take exam 2 if you get less than 80 go back to Rita's book! Take exam 3 get an 80 or better than take exam 4 the morning BEFORE your test so that you're in a testing mind frame.5) I LOVED Head First PMP but if you don't have time to study everything I would say to buy this book as a companion to Rita's book6) Make sure you're referencing the PMBOK 5 (Most Important)During the exam (make sure you're doing good on time before you follow these directions)1) If you believe in prayer (PRAY) - You also do not need to tell anyone you're taking the test, just in case.....(I told my family I was doing some "me" team building time for a few hours!)2) Breathe and relax3) Do the first 50 - 75 questions (Take a break, go to the bathroom, get some water, sit in the waiting room, just get away from the test)4) Go back in and do the next 25 - 50 questions (take another break)5) Keep doing this until you finish6) Before you review your questions, take your final break come back review your questions, (I took another

break!!!!), did the survey, packed up my things so I wasn't steering at the screen, and BOOM THERE IT WAS!!!! Birds started singing, confetti fell from the ceiling, and people began to dance!! (well maybe in my head, but you get the point!)Good luck and God Bless!!!!

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