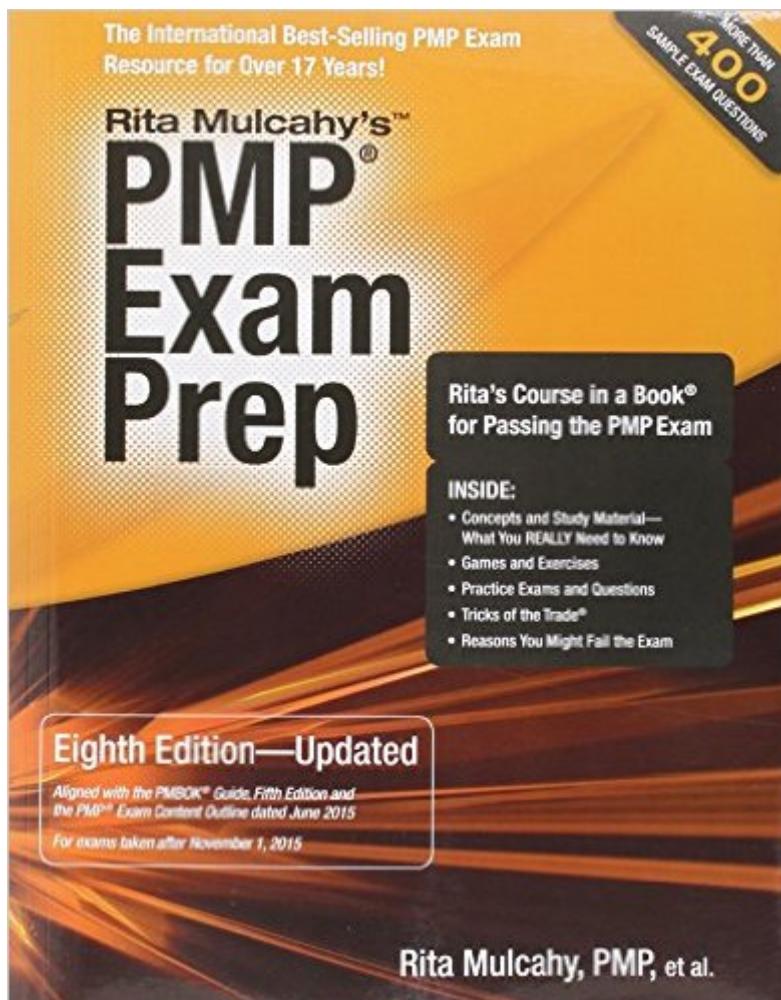


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# PMP Exam Prep, Eighth Edition - Updated: Rita's Course In A Book For Passing The PMP Exam



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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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## **Customer Reviews**

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.

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.

This book is a pretty good study companion to the PMBOK guide. I just took my PMP certification

exam today and passed !Below is my review on this book. If you are interested in how you might best prepare for the PMP exam - read on - further below.- this is a good study companion to the PMBOK guide.- it does have some tips for memorizing things (like math formulas, theories on motivating employees, etc.) -- I found these tips helpful for the most part- this book also has some tips on items to focus on (because higher chances of them being on the PMP exam) and those not to focus on too much (because lower chances of them being on the PMP exam - based on historical data)- This book - is a bit wordy - it probably weighs about 50 lbs (ok, I'm exaggerating) and has about 600 pages.- however, the wordiness is meant to make it less 'dry' it seems (try reading the PMBOK - now, that's dry)- chapter practice tests - were very helpful for me (it is how I best learn)ONE THING THAT I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND -- do not try to memorize the "Rita's Process Chart" - and don't bother with "Rita's Process game". Ugh - what a waste of time! I am a veteran Project manager (finally obtained my PMP after 27+ years in the field) -- and Rita's process is confusing and just not helpful at all. stick with the PMBOK version of the process/knowledge matrix table - it is far more reasonable. For those of you interested in learning how to best prepared for the PMP exam : Here is what I recommend - whether you are an experienced project mgmt veteran like me, or someone new to the field.

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