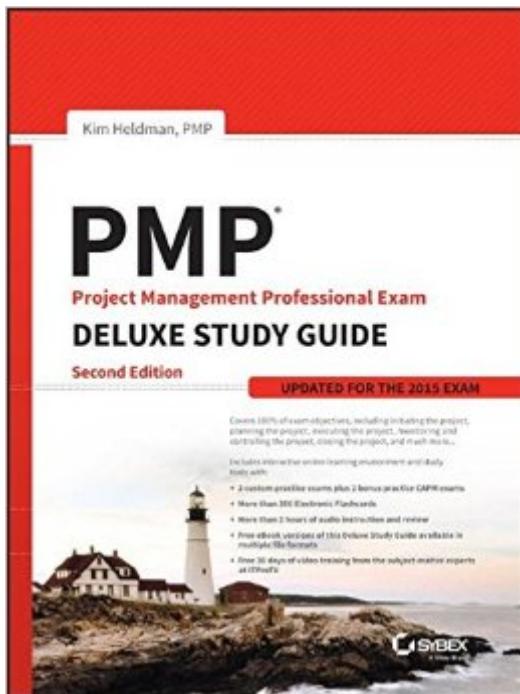


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# PMP Project Management Professional Exam Deluxe Study Guide: Updated For The 2015 Exam



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As a project management instructor at a state university and someone who has reviewed countless project management books, I highly recommend this book. Although I like PMP Exam Prep, Seventh Edition: Rita's Course in a Book for Passing the PMP Exam slightly more, Rita's book is more expensive and her sample questions are not as nearly as good. **PROS-** This book, when accompanied with the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK), is what you need at a minimum. Although I know people who passed the PMP only using this book, I don't recommend it. There are topics that are on the exam that are covered in the PMBOK that are not here and vice versa. Unless you are a good guesser, buy both. - The practice exams at the end of each chapter are the best in the business. This is about as close as the real exam as you can get. The current exam passing score is 61% but you should aim for 70% from this book. - The overall writing style is effective though it reads a little more like a text book than other prep books. **CONS-** Not enough time spent on Inputs, Tools & Techniques, and Outputs (ITTOs). This is the number one reason why you need the PMBOK. You don't need to memorize them but you'll need to understand them really well and Rita's book is not sufficient in this area. - The chapters are not aligned with the PMBOK, based on knowledge area. You'll find that all PMP prep books are organized either by knowledge area (e.g. scope, time, cost) or by process group (e.g. initiating, planning, executing).

I am truly divided on my opinion on this book. I feel that there are some wonderful things about it, beyond being a mere study/prep guide. At the same time, as a study guide, it cannot stand alone and I felt I needed additional books. Let me discuss both of these aspects. First, I will tell you that this is one of the most-read books in my household. Not only have I been studying for the exam for a long time, but I also use this book in my everyday work as a project manager. Why? Because the way it is written, it is almost like a guide to running your project. Each chapter proceeds in order of the activity as it would be pursued. It also includes an ongoing story or example about how that activity would be done, which often helps us remember. We learn best from stories, it turns out. I can easily skip these now as I review the materials, as they - like all other special sections of the book - are easily distinguishable and skipped. There is also a useful summary at the end of each

chapter along with practice questions. The practice questions really make it clear - did you skim it or did you really absorb the material? Kim also has a category of things about applying this to your projects in real life. As I said, this was like my bible when I started out in my job (taking on many more PM responsibilities than in past PM roles). Now I've read the PMBOK too. the PMBOK is organized by process area. It's great for studying for the PMP exam itself. However, Kim's book is great for learning the PMBOK for applying to REAL LIFE. The Good: Look at everything that is included. It isn't just a book.

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