



The Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) and the Project Management Institute (PMI) have a shared goal of promoting the profession of Project Management. AIPM is the premier Australian Project Management organisation in Australia, with Chapters in each State and Territory. AIPM's role is to improve the knowledge, skills and competence of project team members, project managers and project directors, all of whom play a key role in the achievement of business objectives and community improvement initiatives.

The PMI Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification is an "...examination-based, professional certification program to advance the project management profession...". AIPM has adopted the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK, 2008) as the basis for certification. The **RegPM** ('Registered Project Manager') is AIPM's project management certification program, which requires candidates to undertake an assessment process where they must demonstrate the successful application of the knowledge principles defined by each level (practitioner CPPP, manager CPPD, director CPPD) to an accredited AIPM Assessor who works individually with the candidate. A second stage of review has an independent Verifier validate that the assessment undertaken by the Assessor was complete, appropriate, and met the defined standards.

The AIPM certifications are nationally recognised professional competency standards that are based on extensive research into national and international best practice in project management at the levels of work found in most private and public sector workplaces, and are aligned to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). The certification scheme has been in operation for over 10 years, and standards are subject to regular review and update. This workplace competency assessment is a clear demonstration to employers that the prospective candidate is competent and capable to deliver project outcomes within a workplace environment.

After an individual achieves initial RegPM certification, evidence of currency as in project management is provided through participation in the structured AIPM Continuous Professional Development program. The AIPM maintains an easily accessed register of people who have received RegPM certification (see <http://www.aipm.com.au/html/register.cfm>), thus providing employers and recruiters with an easy means to verify prospective employee certification claims.

The AIPM RegPM assessment is backed by a network of almost 100 endorsed assessors across Australia, with over 1,800 professional project managers currently certified. Assessor quality is reviewed through an Assessor Network Panel and a rigorous process managed by the AIPM's Certification and Assessment Manager.

You may be interested to note that AIPM endorses recruitment firms which recognise and understand the difference between competency-based and knowledge-based certification programs, and the difference between certification, qualifications and experience as it relates to those seeking employment in the project management profession. Please refer to [http://www.aipm.com.au/html/endorsed\\_recruitment\\_firms.cfm](http://www.aipm.com.au/html/endorsed_recruitment_firms.cfm) for more details.