

Launch of AIPM Certification Standards for:

**Project Practitioner
Project Manager
Project Director**

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1. PM competency standards developed for AQF 4, 5 and 6 during the early 1990s
2. These were approved as National Competency Standards in 1996 and reviewed in 2004
3. The 2004 version is being used for RegPM assessments and is the current version of the PM domain in the Business Services Training Package
4. **Since 2004 the PM body of knowledge and industry expectations of project management have increased substantially**

1. The PM Competency Standards were due for review
2. Industry voiced the need for:
 - a. Upgrading the standards to meet industry needs
 - b. Higher levels of Project Manager performance particularly at the senior management level
 - c. More consistent assessments
3. International PM organizations were also developing Competency Standards
4. **This is a journey to a Project Management Profession – not just a change to the Standards**

- Industry Reference Group (IRG) members
- National Council
- Recognition Council (now known as the Professional Development Council)
- Chapter Presidents
- Trainers and Educators (through the IRG)
- Assessor Network (through the Assessor Working Group)
- AIPM Finance Working Group
- Professional Associations
- Federal and State Government
- Innovation & Business Skills Australia (IBSA) (*for info only*)
- IPMA, PMI and College of Complex Project Managers.
- Defence Industry Project Management Council

Timeline



1. The new AIPM certification standards have **evolved** from the National Competency Standards, however they still encapsulate them
2. They are best summarized as **a more granular view** of the National Competency Standards. These requirements have previously been implicit in the assessment, but now being explicit require evidence-based demonstration
3. Changes have been made to **improve the rigour and depth of assessment and AIPM certification** against professional project management practices
4. The new AIPM standards and certification titles will progressively take effect as of July 2008

Similar Levels – New Terms



Master Project Director
(MPD)

Now defined as

**Certified Practising
Project Director**
(CPPD)

Registered Project Manager
(RPM)

Now defined as

**Certified Practising
Project Manager**
(CPPM)

**Qualified Project
Practitioner**
(QPP)

Now defined as

**Certified Practising
Project Practitioner**
(CPPP)

1. Anybody undertaking the RegPM process as of 30 June 2008 under the 'old standards', will be able to take until 31 December 2008 to complete
2. Excepting QPPs, transitioning requires partial certification, which varies by level
3. The certification is part of your normal recertification process, and can be done at any time from 1 September 2008 onwards
4. Completion of the 'transition' certification also earns CPD points towards your full recertification
5. Exact requirements are being mapped, for ease of member reference and will ready by 1 September 2008, when the new Standards are activated for assessments.

At the Project Manager Level (RPM – CPPM):

1. Most of the evidence requirements will be focused on Integration evidence around Planning (e.g. evidence of Time Management Planning, etc...) as this is where the increased granularity of competency comes in

At the Project Director Level (MPD – CPPD):

1. Most of the evidence requirements will be focused on Program Integration evidence around Planning, as well as team management and leadership, as these areas are where the increased granularity of competency comes in

New development also underway



Executive Project Director

- More knowledge and experience than CPPD required to manage a wider range of projects/programs/portfolios (which are likely to be larger and more complicated).

Certified Practising
Project Director

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*More Information will be available shortly; in the mean time should you have any questions you may direct them to:

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Available on the AIPM website at:

http://www.aipm.com.au/html/2008_competency_standards.cfm

