

IPMA level A project

With an IPMA level A certificate you demonstrate that you are an experienced project manager and that you managed a wealth of very complex projects. If you have a minimum of five years' worth of experience as a project manager of complex projects, then opting for the IPMA level A course is certainly a good choice, as it means you will be right up there with the world's most experienced project managers.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for IPMA level A certification, you must demonstrate adequate experience with sufficiently complex projects. Below are the minimum experience requirements. It is about the total of all projects that count for IPMA level A or B.

At least non-overlapping 60 months of experience as project manager in the last 12 years, of which at least 36 months at IPMA level A (complexity score ≥ 32). The rest is allowed at IPMA level B (complexity score ≥ 25). In total, you must have spent at least 4.400 hours as project manager on projects, of which at least 2.500 hours on projects at IPMA level A.

What is a level A or B-project?

The complexity as you describe it in the Experience document determines the level of the projects: IPMA level A or B. The complexity is determined by a large number of factors.

An indication of the expected minimum size of a typical level A and B project is given below. However, these are not minimum requirements: the figures are indicative in nature, and their interpretation varies from sector to sector. The indicative figures are given in the table below.

Indicative criteria of complexity	IPMA level B	IPMA level A
Period you were the designated project manager	≥ 9 months	≥ 18 months
Scheduled project lead time	≥ 9 months	≥ 18 months
Actual project lead time	≥ 9 months	≥ 18 months
Number of people directed	≥ 10	≥ 30
Number of hours of the people you directed	≥ 6.250	≥ 30.000
Number of hours spent on the project as a project manager	≥ 700	≥ 2.400
Number of stakeholders	≥ 8	≥ 16, of which min. 6 at bo

A detailed description of the admission requirements and complexity can be found in the Explanatory Note and Instructions. The templates, instruction and sample papers are available on [request](#).