

Changes to the IPMA-PMO Learning Outcomes

The project management profession continues to evolve. To reflect these developments, the requirements for passing the IPMA exams are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Over the past few months, the IPMA-PMO exams have undergone a thorough review and have been updated to reflect the latest developments in the profession. Feedback from training providers and candidates has also been taken into account. As a result, some learning outcomes have been revised, removed, or added.

What is changing?

- Exams based on the current learning outcomes can be taken until **31 December 2026**.
- Exams based on the new learning outcomes will be available from **1 October 2026**. Registration for these exams opens at the **end of September 2026**.
- The IPMA-C-PMO exam will become an open-book exam. This does **not** mean that you may bring your own study materials. During the exam, a digital version of the book *Project Management Based on ICB4* will be provided. The exam will be conducted using two screens.
- The Exam Guide will be discontinued. From now on, the learning outcomes published on the website will serve as the official reference.
- All accredited training providers have already been informed. If you have questions about your specific situation, we recommend contacting your training provider.

What does this mean for me?

I am currently taking a course or have already started self-study

If you are already following an IPMA-PMO-D course or preparing for the IPMA-PMO-C Theory exam, nothing will change for the time being. You may take the current version of the theory exam until 31 December 2026. After this date, only the updated version of the exam will be offered.

If you are unsure which exam you should register for, we recommend consulting your training provider.



I have not yet started a course but would like to

If you have not yet started your training, you can take the exam based on the new learning outcomes from 1 October 2026. Registration for these exams opens at the end of September 2026.

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