

ACCREDITATION OF PROJECT MANAGERS

FAQs

The following are information pertaining to questions frequently asked, it is not intended to explain all aspects but to address key areas of current concern. The FAQ will be updated from time to time to reflect the latest requirements.

1. **I wish to confirm a new Accreditation Scheme has been implemented as of 24 October 2020?**

1.1 ANS: Yes, the new Accreditation Scheme was endorsed by BCA on 23 Oct 2020.

Under the new Accreditation Scheme there are 3 Tiers of Project Managers:

Tier 1: PPD (Professional Project Director)

Tier 2: PPM (Professional Project Manager)

Tier 3: CPM (Certified Project Manager)

2. **SPM Membership**

2.1 **Is it necessary for me to become a SPM (Society of Project Managers) member in order to be CPM, PPM or PPD?**

ANS: No, you can apply directly for CPM, PPM or PPD, however you are encouraged to join SPM (SPM membership fees will be waived for as long as you are CPM/PPM/PPD).

2.2 **I am existing CPM/PPM/PPD, do I still need to pay for SPM membership fees?**

ANS: No, the SPM membership fees will be waived for as long as you are CPM/PPM/PPD.

2.3 **I am not an existing CPM/PPM/PPD and I only want to be a SPM member, is that allowed?**

Yes, for those who do not want to be accredited you only have to pay for SPM membership.

3. **Submission of Application form, Migration form**

3.1 Can I just fill in the form on SPM website and submit?

ANS: No, please download all the necessary application forms, charts and reports. Fill in and submit together with all the supporting documents to apm@spm.sg.

4. **What is the difference between CPM, PPM, PPD?**

ANS: The difference between Tier 1 (PPD), Tier 2 (PPM) and Tier 3 (CPM) is the requirements such as Industry experience, Local experience, Practical experience and level of involvement, the role you play (ie. lead Project Manager, part of team) and so forth. More information can be found in the Application forms and Guidebooks.

5. **How long is each CPM, PPM & PPD valid for?**

ANS: From 1 January until 31 December for each calendar year. It has to be renewed every year to be valid.

6. **How much are the Application and Renewal fees?**

ANS:	<u>Application fee</u>	<u>Annual/renewal fee</u>
Tier 1: PPD	\$300	\$200
Tier 2: PPM	\$250	\$150
Tier 3: CPM	\$200	\$100

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7. CPD

7.1 What is CPD? How many CPD points do I need to accumulate?

ANS: CPD means “Continuing Professional Development”.
In order to be retain CPM, PPM, PPD you must fulfil the required points every year.
Tier 1: PPD – 20 points
Tier 2: PPM – 18 points
Tier 3: CPM – 15 points

7.2 How can I accumulate CPD points?

ANS: SPM has training courses, seminars, activities available (please refer to SPM website).

7.3 Can I accumulate more CPD points than necessary and carry over to the follow year? How many points can I carry forward?

ANS: Yes, a maximum of 20 points can be carried over to the following year.

8.1 TIER 1: PPD

8.1.1 I am an existing PPM can I migrate to become a PPD?

ANS: Yes, you can migrate to become a PPD.
Please submit your PPD Migration Form and Project Director’s Report and all supporting documents to SPM for review.

8.1.2 Are there any existing PPD members?

ANS: No, PPD is a new tier. For all existing PPM you are allowed to migrate to PPD. If you are NOT an existing PPM you will need to submit your new PPD Application, Gantt Chart and Project Director’s Report to SPM for review.

8.2 TIER 2: PPM

8.2.1 I am an existing PPM do I still need to migrate to CPM?

ANS: No, you do not need to migrate to CPM as PPM is a higher tier.

8.2.2 I am an existing PPM, must I migrate to the new PPM?

ANS: Yes, you will need to migrate to the new PPM as the old PPM will lapse on 31 Dec 2020.

8.3 TIER 3: CPM

8.3.1 I am an existing SPM Member (Ordinary/Fellow) is it mandatory for me to migrate to CPM?

ANS: No, it is not mandatory for you to migrate. But we highly recommended you to migrate as the old CPM will lapse on 31 Dec 2020.

8.3.2 I am an existing SPM Member (Associate) can I migrate to CPM?

ANS: No, migration of CPM is currently only open for existing Ordinary/Fellow members.
However, SPM will be submitting Tier 4 Assistant PM Scheme to BCA for endorsement.
Once approved, SPM Associate Members can migrate to the new Tier 4.