

Certified PPP Professional Certification FAQ's

What are the reasons for launching the APMG PPP Certification Program?

The Certification Program has been launched in response to the need to enhance knowledge around PPPs and in the absence of a global certification program on PPPs. The Certification Program is an innovation and a collaboration between the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) and the World Bank Group (WBG). The program is part funded by the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF).

This is the first time the Multilateral Development Banks have come together to support a global curriculum on PPPs, which is accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

The ultimate aims of the program are to develop the capability of individuals responsible for the management of PPPs, supporting them to meet infrastructure demands and stimulate economic development, which are key to the UN's vision of ending extreme poverty.

What is the Consultative Committee's role?

The Certification Program is an innovation of MDBs like ADB, EBRD, IDB, IsDB, MIF and WBG and is part funded by PPIAF. The Consultative Committee comprises of representatives from these MDBs and helps to steer the Certification Program. The PPP Certification Program Guide (referred to as the PPP Guide) is the copyright of ADB, EBRD, IDB, IsDB, MIF, PPIAF and WBG.

What is the CP3P?

CP3P (Certified PPP Professional) is the credential awarded to candidates who have passed all three exams within the Certification Program. Candidates are permitted to use this credential following their name so they may be recognized for their knowledge of PPP.

Is the APMP PPP credential accepted globally?

Candidates who complete all three exams are awarded the globally recognised CP3P credential which is endorsed by the Consultative Committee. This support along with collaboration with the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the Multilateral Investment Fund, the World Bank Group (WBG) and part funded by the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF), points to its potential for global acceptance.

Who is the audience for the Certification Program and what background is needed?

The audience for the Certification Program includes individuals working on PPPs, or individuals interested in learning about PPPs, regardless of discipline or sector. Anyone can apply to take the exams leading to gaining the CP3P credential, however in order to be eligible to take the Preparation and Execution exams, you must have already passed the Foundation exam. Some previous knowledge or experience in the topics covered in the PPP Guide, related to PPPs in general will be advantageous, but lack of experience should not prevent anyone from taking part in the Certification Program.

How does it help PPP team members?

It enables candidates at all levels from the Public and Private sectors to participate effectively in PPP teams at whichever phase of the Certification Program they are involved. It enables effective team building through bringing different disciplines together and provides career paths through attaining credentials.

How is the Certification Program different?

Being an innovation of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) like the Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), World Bank Group and is part funded by the Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF); it carries global credibility for multilaterals and public authorities to provide competitive advantage. It is based on subject matter experts' experience at all levels in all EMDE regions. The Certification Program covers activities throughout the PPP lifecycle.

What is the PPP Certification Program Guide?

The PPP Certification Program Guide (the PPP Guide) compiles good practices in the PPP industry and is organized into eight modules that reflect the stages a PPP project lifecycle. It was written by a team of experts, chosen for their experience in PPP programs and projects in the target markets. Authors are listed on this website. Contents of the PPP Guide have been peer reviewed by a wide group of PPP practitioners and leaders with relevant expertise. It will be updated periodically to reflect the needs, opinions, lessons and changing culture of the industry it serves. There is no need to get recertified every time the PPP Guide is updated.

How is the PPP Guide related to the certification?

Demonstrated competence and understanding of the PPP Guide is the basis for the certification. Participants earn the CP3P credential following testing based on information in the PPP Guide. Specifically, the exams will test participants' understanding of the principles and methods used in PPPs and the ability to analyse situations.

How is the PPP Guide different from the other sources on PPP's?

This PPP Guide compiles good PPP practices from a wide variety of regions and sectors and provides the basis for courses and examinations. This publication has undergone a robust peer review process. It was reviewed by a panel comprising a wide range of PPP practitioners and MDBs covering all regions and sectors.