



PMT 4890V PM Practitioner Certification Exam

PMT 4990V PM Advanced Certification Exam

OVERVIEW

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Overview

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DoD PM Certification Requirements

	PM Practitioner	PM Advanced
Education	Technical degree preferred	Technical degree preferred
Training	PM core competencies (6 Courses)	PM core competencies (7 Courses)
Experience¹	At least 4 years relevant acquisition experience with evidence of demonstrated proficiency in PM competencies.	8 or more years relevant program management experience, with at least 2 of these years with cost, schedule and performance responsibilities in a program management office or similar organization (dedicated matrix support to a PM, PEO, DCMA program integrator, or supervisor of shipbuilding).
Assessment & Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-nominating process containing evidence of applicable experience over time • Endorsement / Validation by certified PM designated by Component • Comprehensive Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-nominating process containing evidence of applicable experience over time • Endorsement by certified PM designated by Component • Validation by 1 or more senior PM professionals designated by Component • Comprehensive Examination
Verification	Components verify and document completion of above requirements and provide DoD Program Management Certification.	
Currency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 Continuous Learning Points every 2 years • CLPs are taken in technical, professional, and specialty competencies. • CL Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 80 hours of CL shall pertain to Program Management or other related functional areas; common reoccurring DoD or other non-acquisition training should not be counted toward the 80 hours - No fewer than 10 hours of the required 80 shall pertain to leadership training - No more than 20 hours of the required 80 shall be conference attendance 	

Notes: 1. Fulfillment options available when onboarding more experienced personnel

Fulfillment Credit

- DAU Fulfillment website: <https://icatalog.dau.edu/DAUFulfillmentPgm.aspx>
- DAU Fulfillment guides will not be published for learning assets < 10 CLPs or those with test-through option
 - Involves several hundred learning assets; guides are just course objectives already listed in iCatalog
 - Fulfillment guides not required to grant Fulfillment
- Completed DD Form 2518, Fulfillment of DoD Mandatory Training Requirements, along with any supporting documentation, is only requirement
- Fulfillment at complete discretion of Component DACM / DATM
- The following statement may change for PM: *“The DAU Fulfillment program does not apply to Functional Area Exam Certification Requirements.”*
 - PM FIT authorized waiver of PM exams in Nov 2020 but DoDI 5000.66 prohibits waiver of certification requirements
 - May give future consideration for Fulfillment authority

PMT 4890V & 4990V– DoD Program Management Certification Exams

Exam Specifics

- Design, function, delivery and feedback modeled after similar Professional Cert exams
- Registration process is similar to a DAU class (ATO portal > CSOD > Etc.)
- Only those needing certification (and approved by DACM's) are eligible to take exam
- Delivered by Pearson VUE – well established commercial exam proctor service provider
- Exam Security: See Pearson VUE website for commercial exam security measures
- Additional security measures: robust Data-base of exam questions, each exam is randomized
- [FAQs](#) for exams is posted on dau.edu Back-to-Basics site; VILT prep courses now available

PMT 4890V PM Practitioner Certification Exam - Prerequisites

Required:

- ACQ 0030 - Overview of Acquisition Ethics
- ACQ 1010 - Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management
- ACQ 2020 - Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A
- ACQ 2030 - Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part B
- PMT 0140 - Team Management and Leadership
- PMT 2570V - Program Management Tools Course
- At least 3.5 years of relevant acquisition experience with evidence of demonstrated proficiency in PM competencies

Recommended: PMT 4800V - PM Practitioner Certification Exam Prep Course prior to first exam attempt to increase the chance of success and for any examinee who fails the PM Practitioner certification exam on their first attempt

PMT 4990V PM Advanced Certification Exam - Prerequisites

Required:

- ACQ 315 - Understanding Industry
- PMT 0120 - Program Scheduling
- PMT 0130 - Work-Breakdown Structure
- PMT 0170 - Risk Management
- PMT 3400 - Leadership and Organization
- PMT 3500 - Business Aspects
- PMT 3600 - Program Management Course
- At least 7.5 years of relevant acquisition experience with evidence of demonstrated proficiency in PM competencies

Recommended: PMT 4900V - PM Advanced Certification Exam Prep Course

Certification prep courses now available!

- PMT 4800/4900V are **not** designed to teach any new information
- **PMT 4800/4900V is purely to help prepare you to pass PMT 4890/4990V**
- PMT 4800V/4900V will remind you of information you should have already been exposed to, and hopefully not forgotten!
- [Sign up via normal means](#)



Fully asynchronous
OLT versions coming
soon!

PMT 4890/4990V Exam Basics

- Both exams consist of **100 multiple choice questions**
- All questions are based on the ELOs of the respective feeder courses
 - Practitioner (PMT 4890V): ACQ 0030/1010/2020/2030 and PMT 0140/2570
 - Advanced (PMT 4990V): ACQ 315 and PMT 0120/0130/0170/3400/3500/3600
- **5 minute** exam tutorial (provides key facilitation overview)
- **115 minute time limit** to complete (one sitting & includes breaks)
- Closed-book exam
- Passing score is **70%** (May be reviewed & adjusted as required)
- If unsuccessful, you must wait 30 days prior to retesting
- If necessary, you may take the exam 3 times in a 12-month period



Exam preparation

New PM Certification Courses (1 Feb 2022)

Practitioner Certification

ACQ 1010 Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management 13 hrs, online	ACQ 2020 Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A 20 hrs, online	ACQ 2030 Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part B 32 hrs classroom	PMT 2570 Program Management Tools Course, Part II 28 hrs virtual classroom
Comprehensive Exam	4 Years Experience	ACQ 0030 Acquisition Ethics 1 hr, online	PMT 0140 Team Management and Leadership 3 hrs, online
97 hrs total training			

Advanced Certification

ACQ 315 Understanding Industry 36 hrs classroom	PMT 0170 Risk Management 8 hrs., online	PMT 3400 Leadership and Organization 2 hrs., online	PMT 0120 Program Scheduling 3 hrs., online	PMT 0130 Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) 3 hrs., online
Comprehensive Exam	8 Years Experience	PMT 3500 Business Aspects 2 hrs., online	PMT 3600 Program Management Office Course 80 hrs classroom	
134 hrs training				

Note: PMT 2520 completion = credit for PMT 120, 130, 140 & 170
PMT 3550 completion = credit for PMT 3400 & 3500

PMT 4890 Practitioner Exam Weighting Factors & Question Allocation

Course	Weighting Factor	# Exam Questions
ACQ 0030 Acquisition Ethics	2%	2
ACQ 1010 Foundational Systems Acquisition	25%	25
ACQ 2020 Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A	40%	40
ACQ 2030 Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part B	25%	25
PMT 0140 Team Management & Leadership	5%	5
PMT 2570 Program Management Tools	3%	3
Total	100%	100

PMT 4990 Advanced Exam Question Weighting Factors & Question Allocation

Course	Weighting Factor	# Exam Questions
ACQ 315 Understanding Industry	10%	10
PMT 0120 Program Scheduling	15%	15
PMT 0130 Work Breakdown Structure	5%	5
PMT 0170 Risk Management	20%	20
PMT 3400 Leadership and Organization	15%	15
PMT 3500 Business Aspects	5%	5
PMT 3600 Program Management Office	30%	30
Total	100%	100

Structure of Exam Questions

Questions will:

- Are multiple choice with four options
- Align to an ELO from one of the feeder courses
- Have only one correct answer
- Be independent of other questions – **stand-alone**
- Basic math may be required on a few questions
 - An electronic calculator and scratch pad are available if needed



Structure of Exam Questions, continued

Question wording strives to:

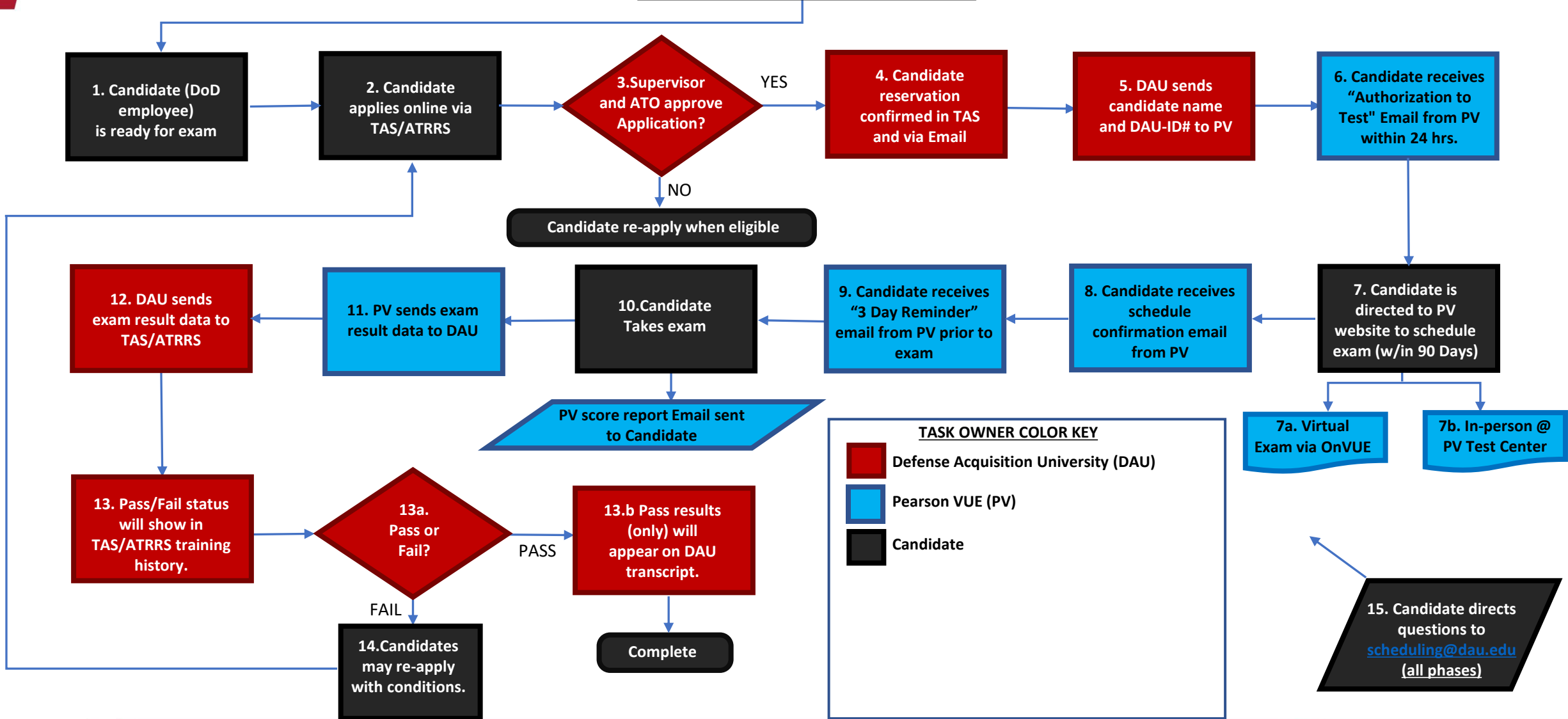
- Primarily be in the form of a question
- Avoid jargon and be generic to all agencies (not Service Specific)
- Limit the use of acronyms
 - Some common may not be spelled out (PM, MDA, ACAT, MDAP etc.)
- Be concise, clear, and efficient
 - ✓ Avoiding use of vague terms, such as “frequently”, “occasionally”, “rarely”, “usually”
- Avoid the following:
 - ✓ The use of “All of the above” or “None of the above”
 - ✓ Complex options, such as “A & B”, “A, but not C”,

All questions will
have only one correct
answer

Scheduling and Taking the Exam

- **Sign up in your agency's registration system**
- **Once approved, PearsonVue sends exam candidate an "Authorization to Test" e-mail**
 - **Must establish a username/password to schedule an exam**
- **Exam candidate schedules exam (90-day window)**
- **Examinee takes exam and receives score when finished**
- **PearsonVue also sends score report e-mail to examinee**

PMT 4890V & 4990V PM Certification Candidate Roadmap



In Person

- Should not require distant travel
 - Pearson Professional Centers
 - Third Party (Community Colleges)
 - Many Military Test Centers
- Must have ID that matches registration name
- Strict rules on exam protocol
- Proctors available for assistance

In person should be your first option!
Remote option is available if needed

OnVue (at home)

- Requires downloads not compatible with gov't laptops
- Roughly 30-minute process to complete pre-exam check-in
- 5-10% of OnVue scheduled exams not finished due to IT issues
- Passing rate roughly 5% lower than in-person rates
- Cannot leave camera (no breaks for two hours)

Access Source Material through i catalog



PMT 4890V Program Management Practitioner Certification Exam



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Description			
THIS EXAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2022. This closed book, comprehensive PM Certification Exam covers the learning objectives from ACQ 0030, ACQ 1010, ACQ 2020, ACQ 2030, PMT 0140, and PMT 2570. Successful completion of this exam is a requirement to achieve the new DoD PM Practitioner Certification. Exam is graded on a pass/fail basis, with a minimum passing score of 70%.			
Objectives			
N/A			
Target Attendees			
DoD Acquisition Workforce members who are required to attain the DoD PM Practitioner Certification.			
Prerequisite(s)			
REQUIRED:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACQ 0030 - Overview of Acquisition Ethics ACQ 1010 - Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management ACQ 2020 - Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A ACQ 2030 - Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part B PMT 0140 - Team Management and Leadership PMT 2570V - Program Management Tools Course 			
RECOMMENDED:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMT 4800V - PM Practitioner Certification Exam Prep Course prior to first exam attempt to increase the chance of success and for any examinee who fails the PM Practitioner certification exam on their first attempt 			
Predecessor Course(s)			
Predecessor	Predecessor Course Title	PD\$ Code	Expires On
None	None	None	None
Course Length			
2 hours over the course of 1 day			
Additional Course Information			
Delivery Mode	Virtual Instructor Led Training	Continuing Education Units	0
Equivalent Courses	N/A	Continuous Learning Points	2
ACE Recommended Credits	N/A	Reservist Retirement Points	0
PD \$ Code	HJK	Historical Allocations	Mouse Over for Past CEU/CLPs
Walk-ins Authorized	No	Fulfillment Eligible	N/A
Pre-work required	No	Technical Requirements	Click Here
First Offering			
Notes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PMT 4890V exam is delivered by a third-party Exam proctor service provider: Pearson VUE. Two-hour exam duration encompasses all "seat time" including: exam intro, tutorial, 100-question exam, breaks, and any pre-submission review. Register for the exam by clicking the "Apply for this Course" button above. Once approval granted in your agency Training Authorization System (TAS), an "Authorization to Test" email will be sent to the candidate from Pearson VUE with instructions on how to schedule the exam. Candidates will choose either to take the exam remotely or at a Pearson VUE Test Center. It is highly recommended candidates schedule their exam at a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center versus taking the exam remotely. It is anticipated most candidates will be able to take the PMT 4890V Exam at a Pearson VUE Test Center within commuting distance from their home of record; however, in the event no test site is available within commuting distance and if testing remotely is not a viable option, then the candidate must ensure travel authorization is approved prior to scheduling the exam. Individuals who fail the exam will have the opportunity (w/approval from their supervisor and their DACM) to re-take the exam no earlier than 30 days after the preceding attempt, with no more than three attempts in a 12-month period. After a first unsuccessful exam attempt, unless the individual has already completed PMT 4800V, PM Practitioner Certification Exam Prep Course, the DoD Components may require that the individual take PMT 4800V before attempting the exam again. View/Review PM Certification Exam Frequently asked Questions (FAQ) View/Review certification exam reference materials 			

- Links to both OLT pdf files as well as (V)ILT source material



Test Taking Tips

- Many people struggle with exam taking
- Two hours is ample time to answer 100 short multiple-choice questions and review your answers prior to submitting
- We provide you with a list of well-proven recommendations for success



Test Taking Tips – Before the Test

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a high protein breakfast. Drink plenty of water
- Practice guided imagery, visualizations of succeeding on the test, mentally “going where the information is stored in your brain”, or breathing techniques
- Don't study right before the test. Concentrate on being calm and mentally accessing the information you have already studied
- Get to the test site a little early
- Don't engage in negative talk with other students before the test, such as “I'm so nervous –I don't know if I studied enough.”
- Use positive affirmations, like “I am prepared for the test and I will do well” or “I am smart –I can do this.”

Reference: “Master Student” 11th Edition by Dave Ellis

Test Taking Tips – Multiple Choice Test Tips

- Read the directions carefully
- First; read the sentence stem, think of the answer before reading the alternatives, and then find it in the choices
- Pay careful attention to negative words in the stem
- Read all the options, before choosing
- Don't dwell on the ones you don't know. Close your eyes and tell yourself, "the answer will come," mark the question, and then move on to questions you know. Go back to the one(s) you marked and try again –the answer has probably come to you

Reference: "Master Student" 11th Edition by Dave Ellis

Test Taking Tips – General Suggestions

- Read the directions
- Note the number of items and figure out how much time you have to answer each one (over a minute per question)
- Are there penalties for guessing? NO! So guess, don't leave any blank
- Change your answer only if you have reason to do so; research indicates that in 3 out of 4 times your first choice was probably correct
- Return to questions you couldn't answer initially and try them again – You can “flag: questions for review in the PV system
- Don't waste time reviewing answers of which you are confident are correct

Reference: CalPoly/Academic Skills Center (ASC)/Tests/Objective Tests

Test Taking Tips – Multiple Choice

- If the question is long and complex, highlight the subject and verb to help you
- Read the question and answer it in your mind without looking at the alternatives; then look for the matching answer
- Read all the alternatives, saying "probable" or "not probable" before making a decision
- Ask yourself if you are dealing with a fact or the understanding of some fact
- Note appropriate grammatical structure from the question to the alternative

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