



PMT Certification and Exams

OVERVIEW

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Overview

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- PMT 4890V/4990V exam basics
 - Distribution of Questions
 - Structure of exam questions
 - Scheduling and taking the exam
- Additional Info for examinees
 - Linkage to other ACQ/PMT certification courses
 - Test taking tips for success
 - PV interface tutorial





PM Certification Requirements

	PM Practitioner – 5 yr Grace Period	PM Advanced – 4 yr Grace Period
Education	Technical degree preferred	Technical degree preferred
Training	PM core competencies (16 Courses, 126 hrs)	PM core competencies (13 Courses, 146 hrs)
Experience ¹	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





Program Management Practitioner Certification

FY21-25

ACQ 1010
Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management

13 hrs, online

ACQ 2020
Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A

19 hrs, online

ACQ 2030
Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part B

32 hrs classroom

PMT 2570
Program Management Tools Course

33 hrs virtual classroom

ACQ 0030
Acquisition Ethics

1 hr online

PMT 0141
IPT Management and Leadership

6 hrs, online

104 hrs

FY26

ACQ 0010
Welcome To Acquisition

1 hr, online

SWE 0041 *
Software Acquisition Pathway Origins

< 1 hr, online

SWE 0034 *
Software Acquisition Pathway

< 1 hr, online

SWE 056
What is Artificial Intelligence

2 hrs, online

ETM 3130
Introduction to Digital Acquisition

1 hr, online

BFM 0050
Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution

3 hrs, online

ACQ 3510
Adaptive Acquisition Framework Overview

1 hr, online

LOG 0440
Supply Chain Resiliency Fundamentals

5 hrs, online

ETM 1081⁺
Software Literacy Fundamentals

5 hrs, online

LOG 0640
Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS)

2 hrs, online

126 hrs Total

* These 2 courses are <30 min/each
+ ETM 1080 predecessor valid for 2 years

- 4 years relevant acquisition experience
- Comprehensive exam



Program Management Advanced Certification

FY21-25

FY26

ACQ 315
Understanding Industry

38 hrs classroom

PMT 0120
Program Scheduling

5 hrs., online

PMT 0130
Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)

2 hrs, online

PMT 0170
Risk Management

7 hrs, online

PMT 3400
Leadership and Organization

3 hrs, online

PMT 3500
Business Aspects

2 hrs, online

PMT 3600
Program Management Office Course

68 hrs, classroom

CLE 084
Models, Simulation, and Digital Engineering

5 hrs, online

CLE 019
Modular Open Systems Approach

4 hrs, online

PMT 0180
Test and Evaluation for Program Managers

~5 hrs, online

CON 7640
Multiple Incentive Contracts

3 hrs, online

LOG 0370
DoD Supply Chain Fundamentals

3 hrs, online

SWE 2050 Intellectual Property and Data Rights

1 hr, online

125 hrs

146 hrs

- 8 years relevant Program Management experience
- Comprehensive exam

Key Dates

1 Oct. 2025

Requirement for additional certification courses implemented

1 Oct. 2026

Certifications exams updated with new certification course questions added.

- Exam likely to remain at 100 questions and 2-hour time limit
- Redistribution of exam question by course to be modified.

FY 26

FY 27

April/May 2026 Exam preparatory courses updated with new certification course material

Apr.–May 2026



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 DAU Fulfillment program does not apply to Functional Area Exam Certification Requirements



Program Management Certification Exams and Preparatory Courses

Exams

- PMT 4890 - Practitioner
- PMT 4990 – Advanced
- Two hours
- 100 questions
- Proctored by third party (Pearson)

Prep courses not designed to teach new information, but to remind you of info seen and possibly forgotten – Sign up via normal means

Virtual Preparatory Courses

- 2 Week Virtual/Asynchronous Course
- PMT 4800 – Practitioner (30 hours)
- PMT 4900 – Advanced (42 hours)

Online Training Courses

- PMT 4810 – Practitioner (13 hours)
- PMT4910 – Advanced (19 hours)



DoD Program Management Certification Exams (PMT 4890V & 4990V)

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
- Should be within 6 months of respective experience requirement for certification
- Delivered by Pearson – well established commercial exam proctor service provider
- Exams Delivered either virtually (OnVUE) or at Pearson Test Centers worldwide
- Exam Security: See Pearson website for commercial exam security measures
- Additional security measures: robust Data-base of exam questions, each exam is randomized
- Passing score and passing rate reviewed periodically & adjusted as required
- FAQs for exams is posted on dau.edu Back-to-Basics site; VILT prep courses available



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



PMT 4890 Practitioner Exam Weighting Factors & FY26 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 4890 Practitioner Question Allocation FY27

Course	Weighting % / # Questions
ACQ 0010 and 3510 – Welcome to Def Acq and AAF	3
ACQ 0030 – Overview of Acquisition Ethics	2
ACQ 1010 – Fundamentals of Sys Acq Mgt	20
ACQ 2020 – Intermediate Sys Acq Part A	30
ACQ 2030 – Intermediate Sys Acq Part B	15
BFM 0050 – PPBE	2
ETM 1081 – S/W Literacy Fundamentals	3
ETM 3130 – Intro to Digital Acquisition	2
LOG 0440 – Supply Chain Resiliency Fundamentals	3
LOG 0640 – DMSMS: What the PM Needs to do and Why	2
PMT 0141 – IPT Management	5
PMT 2570 – PM Tools	8
SWE 034 and 041 – S/W Acquisition Pathway and Origins	3
SWE 056 – What is AI?	2
Total	100



PMT 4990 Advanced Exam Question Weighting Factors & FY26 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



PMT 4990 Advanced Question Allocation FY27

Course	Weighting % / # Questions
ACQ 315 – Understanding Industry	10
CLE 019 – Modular Open Systems Approach	3
CLE 084 – Models, Simulations and Digital Engineering	4
CON 7640 – Multiple-Incentive Contracts	3
LOG 0370 – DoD Supply Chain Fundamentals	2
PMT 0120 – Program Scheduling	10
PMT 0130 – Work-Breakdown Structures	3
PMT 0170 – Risk Management	15
PMT 0180 – T&E for PMs	3
PMT 3400 – Organizational Management	15
PMT 3500 – Business Aspects	5
PMT 3600 – PM Office Course	25
SWE 2050 – Intellectual Property and Data Rights	2
Total	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

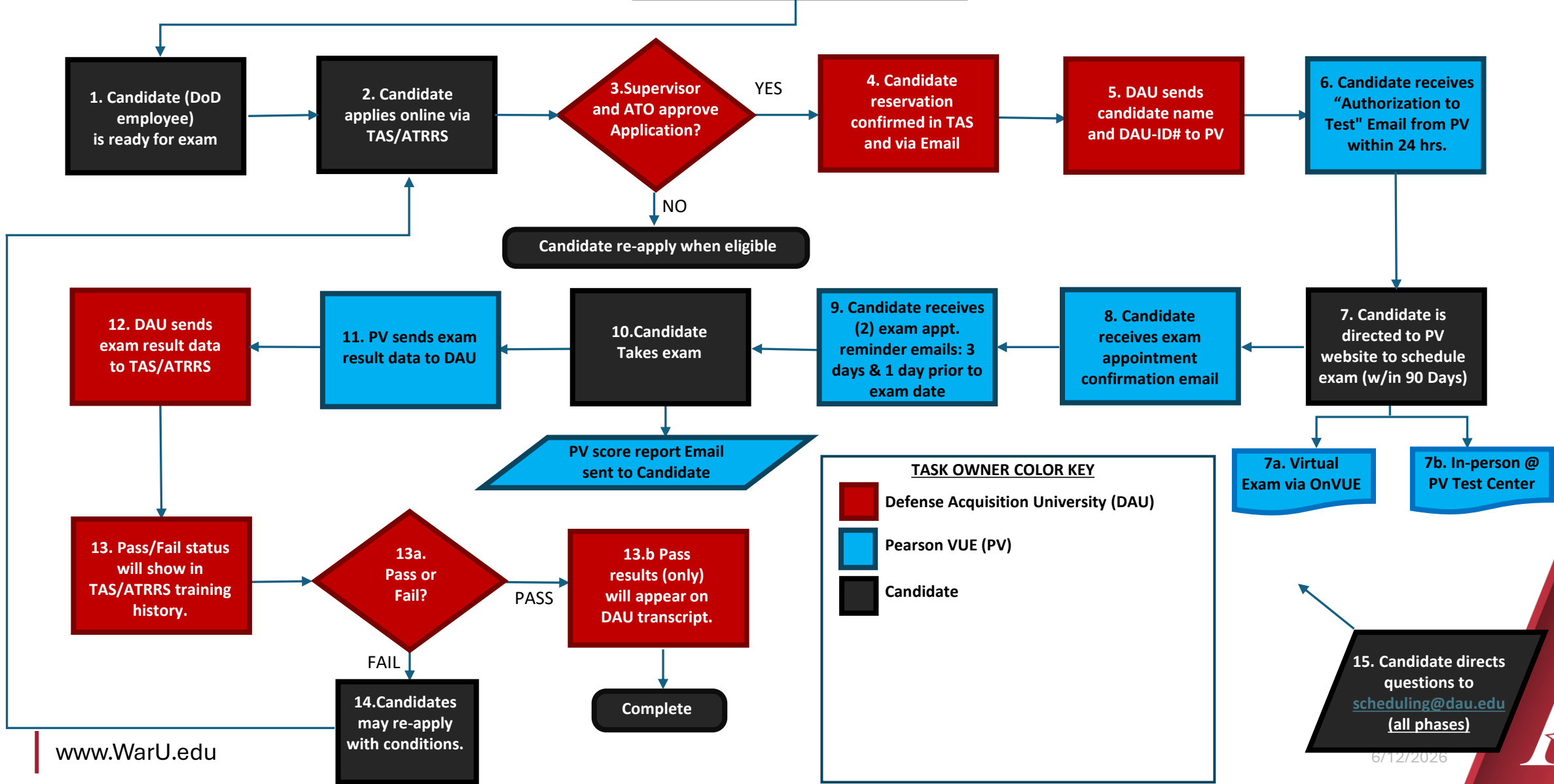


Scheduling and Taking the Exam

- **Sign up in your agency's registration system**
- **Once approved, Pearson 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)**
 - **Candidate may be considered a "no-show" if no action taken**
- **Examinee takes exam and receives score when finished**
- **Pearson also sends score report e-mail to examinee**



PMT 4890/4990V CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE 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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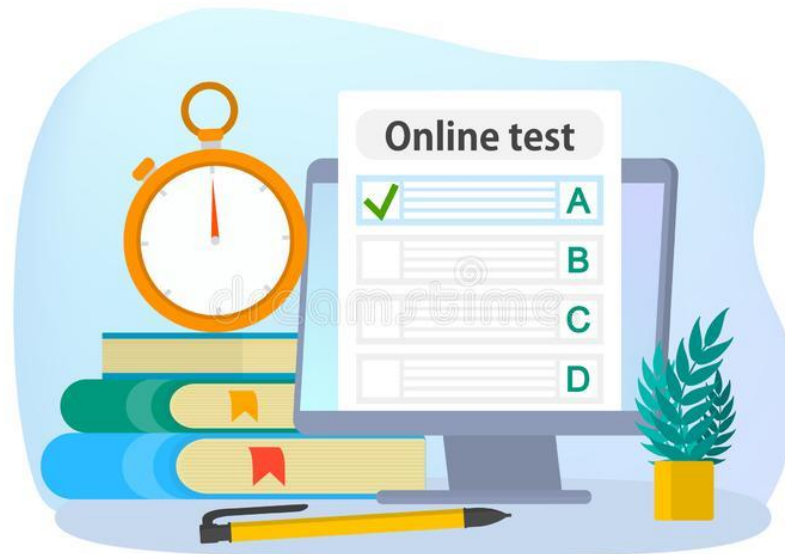
Description			
THIS EXAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2022. This closed book, comprehensive PM Certification Exam covers the learning objectives from ACQ 0030, ACQ 1010, ACQ 2020, ACQ 2030, PMT 0140, and PMT 2570. Successful completion of this exam is a requirement to achieve 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

- Two hours is ample time to answer 100 short multiple-choice questions and review your answers prior to submitting
 - Over one minute per question
- We provide you with a list of well-proven recommendations for success



Test Taking Tips – General Suggestions

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a high protein breakfast. Drink plenty of water
- Be positive, visualize success
- 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
- Answer all questions – No penalty for guessing! Only blanks are penalized
- Flag the question you know you want to return to
- Don't change an answer unless you are **SURE²!**



Test Taking Tips – Multiple Choice Test Tips

- 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
- If the question is long and complex, highlight the subject and verb to help you
- Read all the alternatives, saying "probable" or "not probable" before making a decision
- Note appropriate grammatical structure from the question to the alternative



QUESTIONS?

