

CCR PDU Category Update

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who is impacted by this change?

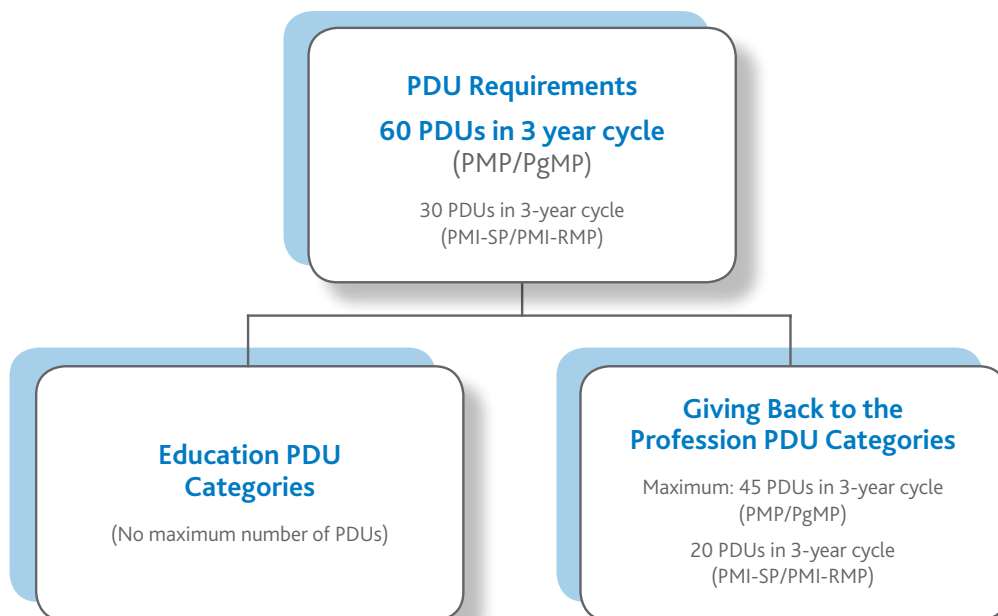
- This new change will impact all individuals who currently hold an active or suspended PMP®, PgMP®, PMI-RMP®, and PMI-SP® credential. Changes will not impact individuals who pass one of these examinations after 1 March 2011 or CAPM certificants.

What is changing?

Key changes to the program include:

- Simplification to the Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) category structure, reducing the number of categories from 18 to 6
- Ensuring that all categories use the rule that one hour of learning activity is equivalent to one PDU
- Expanding the categories to include Web 2.0 learning opportunities
- Adding limits on certain categories to require that all credential holders pursue project management continuing education as part of maintaining their credential

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When will the changes take effect?

- All PDU reporting category rules and changes will take effect on 1 March 2011.

Where can I find more information?

Please reference the New PDU Category Structure and Policies document.

Why is this change being made?

The enhancement was to improve and simplify the Professional Development Unit (PDU) category structure for ease of reporting. In preparation for making the PDU category structure enhancement to the system, PMI did a formal study targeting PMI credential holders, PMI Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s) and Community Leaders presenting the new categories and asking for their feedback. As indicated by the findings from this study, the proposed new CCR PDU categories were positively received and were seen as assisting in the process for credential renewal:

- The majority of survey respondents found the new categories to be appropriate
- Only 9% mentioned any additional ways to earn PDUs
- 82% were satisfied or very satisfied with the new categories
- 76% thought it would be much better or somewhat better than the current categories

How will my existing PDUs be affected?

- A small percentage of credential holders' PDUs may be impacted by the new category changes, due to the PDU cap established for the **Giving Back to the Profession PDU Categories activities**. These changes will only impact candidates that earn PDUs in these categories prior to 1 March 2011, but do not report them until after 1 March 2011. PDU total discrepancies for activities submitted prior to the release of the new CCR category changes may be forwarded to the PMI Customer Care department at customercare@pmi.org.

Can I still submit my PDUs that were earned prior to the new rules?

- Yes. All PDUs submitted prior to 1 March 2011 will be calculated under the preexisting CCR rules and categories. Any PDU claims with a submission date after 1 March 2011 would fall under the newly instituted CCR rules and categories.

How do I submit PDUs earned prior to the transition date?

- All credential holders would use the normal PDU submission process for activities completed prior to the transition date. However, all PDUs claims with a submission date after the transition date would be calculated under the newly instituted CCR rules and categories.

Will there be changes to my transcript?

- PDUs earned and claimed prior to 1 March 2011 will appear in the categories in which they were originally filed. PDUs claimed after 1 March 2011 will reflect the six new PDU categories.

Will this impact my transferable PDUs?

- No. All current and previously acquired transferable PDUs amounts will remain the same throughout the transition.

Can I earn all of my PDUs in Category A?

- Yes. There is no PDU cap or maximum amount that can be accumulated for Category A (Courses offered by PMI's R.E.P.s or Chapters and Communities) activities.

How do I calculate the PDU amount for the activity completed?

- All activities, with the exception of Category F, project management practitioner services, will be recorded on a one hour to one PDU ratio. Category F activities, previously known as Category 2H, will be recorded on a minimum 12 month period for either 5 or 2.5 PDUS depending on the credential.

Is my cycle due date impacted?

- No. All PMP certification cycle start and end dates will remain the same throughout the new release of the category changes.

Are there any changes to the renewal cycle?

- No. The certification renewal process will remain the same along with the required amount of PDUs required for renewal. Credential holders will still need to acquire the required 60 or 30 PDUs* within three years to become eligible for certification renewal. In order to complete the certification renewal process submission of the renewal application along with renewal payment will be required. Fees will remain at \$60(U.S) for members and \$150.00(U.S.) for nonmembers. Finally, credential holders will still be required to confirm their adherence to the PMI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

**The 30 PDUs requirement will only apply to the RMP and SP credential holders.*

Will the number of PDUs required to renew be changing?

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I'm currently in suspended status. Will this change impact me?

- No. All credential statuses will remain the same throughout the release of the new category changes.

How do I claim PDUs prior to the 1 March 2011 transition date?

- For information on how to enter PDUs please access our online CCR System (CCRS) to access a comprehensive online user guide. The CCRS user guide is located in the **Additional Resources** panel at the right side of the CCRS website.

I attended a meeting prior to the transition. Where can I get the code for a chapter meeting I attended?

- Chapter meeting events, which are valued at 1 to 2 PDUs, may still be submitted without a program number or code. Credential holders will be able to submit such events as a Category A activity. A drop down menu will be available in the online reporting for the user to select an "Activity Type". The user will select the option "Report a Component 1 to 2 PDU event". For additional information regarding the submission process please access the online CCRS User Guide.

I attended an REP session. Is the information on my certificate still valid?

- All PDU values and program numbers listed on a R.E.P. course certificate will remain valid throughout the transition. This information will be used when submitting a PDU claim for a Category A activity.

When I attend a PMI Congress in 2011, will my PDUs be entered in the new categories?

- All PDUs attended at the PMI Global Congresses will be automatically uploaded by PMI GOC. PDUs for these symposiums will be listed as a Category A activity for courses offered by PMI's R.E.P. or Chapters and Communities.

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