

PMP® Exam Success- Aileen's Do's and Don'ts

Hello,

My mission, and the mission of my organization, AME Group Inc. a Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) through PMI is to help you, and others, obtain your PMP® Credential without wasting time and money. I have been facilitating PMP® Exam Prep Workshops since 1997. Most months I help hundreds of people just like you pass the PMP® Exam. Here a just a few of my many ideas on what to DO and what NOT TO DO.

DO

1. **Set a limited time frame for your studying.** We suggest two to three months. Really focus on your studies. Do not drag it out. Learn something useful for your role as a project manager, not just information to pass the exam.
2. **Work with great content.**
 - **Practice on over 1,000 sample questions.** Not a hundred, but at least a thousand, maybe more. We do not learn to ride a bike by reading a manual. We do not learn to pass the PMP® Exam by reading *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*. You must practice for the PMP® Exam by doing sample questions.
 - **Understand why the wrong answers are wrong.** Knowing why the right answer is right is not enough. You must understand why the wrong answers are wrong.
 - **Know the tools and techniques of the PMBOK® Guide.** Know which tools and techniques are associated with which processes and why. Know how to apply the tools and techniques in scenarios.
 - **Know Table 1-4 of the PMBOK® Guide.** Be able to data dump the entire table at the beginning of the exam. Know which processes belong to each process group and each knowledge area.
 - **Take a PMP® Prep Workshop.** Take it face to face. Take it online. Don't take just any workshop. Make sure the training company is a **Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.)** through PMI®. Take a test drive with the training company and your specific instructor before you purchase. Ensure that they will:
 - a. Guarantee you a specific instructor
 - b. Answer questions before, during and after the workshop. At least once a day someone emails me a sample question from another training provider asking me to explain the question to him or her. If you paid for their training... they should answer your questions.
3. **Find a world-class guide.** This is your time and your money. Find someone who has guided thousands of project managers successfully to obtain the PMP® Credential.

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DON'T

1. **Don't memorize answers.** Make sure you understand the sample questions including why the right answer is better than the three wrong answers.
2. **Don't read the *PMBOK® Guide* cover to cover.** Skim it one section at a time. After each section practice on 25 or more sample questions related to that section. Focus on figures and tables. Dig deep into the book to understand the sample questions.
3. **Don't waste your time**
 - With sample questions that do not explain why the wrong answers are wrong. Certainly don't waste your time with sample questions that don't explain why the right answer is right.
 - With training providers that will not answer your questions.

My company, AME Group Inc. has several ways to help you. My suggestions:

1. Go to my youtube page and check out my recent videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/aileenellis9>.
2. If you like my style tell me more about yourself and how your studies are going. Ask to be put on our distribution list for free online PMP® Exam training with me:
<http://aileenellis.com/>
3. If you like the free online training consider one of my other products.
 - Live Face to Face training in Colorado Springs (or at your location)
 - PMP® Exam Online Workshop for those who require 35 contact hours
 - PMP® Exam Self Study for those who already have 35 contact hours

Always feel free to reach out to me by email at aileen@aileenellis.com

I hope this short list helped you and I wish you well both on the PMP® Exam and in the future as a Project Management Professional.

Regards,

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