

# More Routes to Chartered Status for Project Professionals

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**Project professionals in the UK have more options to achieve Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) status following a recent announcement by the Association for Project Management (APM).**

APM has expanded its recognition of qualifying credentials, now including both the APM Project Management Qualification and the Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> certification offered by the Project Management Institute (PMI). This change is part of APM's newly launched pathway to ChPP status, starting in September 2024.

Commenting on the recognition of both qualifications, Chief Executive of APM, Professor Adam Boddison OBE, said: "Seeing both the APM Project Management Qualification and PMP now affording project, programme and portfolio (P3M) professionals equal opportunities towards ChPP status is an important milestone

"Although there are many professional bodies, we're one profession and as the demand across all sectors for ever bigger and more complex projects continues, we must continue to raise the recognition and importance of having world class competent project professionals at the helm; however, and wherever they developed their skills. Chartered status will be central to that recognition."

The move acknowledges the growing demand for highly skilled project professionals to manage increasingly complex projects. Chartered status, achieved through the ChPP pathway, will act as a mark of excellence within the profession.

Commenting on the value this recognition brings project professionals, President & Chief Executive Officer of PMI, Pierre Le Manh, PMP said: “Since 1984 the PMP certification has been universally recognized, demonstrating a level of professional competence, ethical integrity, and experience. This new pathway is a true value-add for all PMP credential holders, who will now have a simplified way to achieving the UK Chartered Project Professional status. It’s also further evidence that the global project profession is moving in the right direction. At PMI, we believe that successful projects can elevate our world. PMI and APM working in the same direction is good for our profession.”

Applicants seeking ChPP status will need to demonstrate their qualifications and experience. For PMP holders, this is already fulfilled by the certification’s requirements. APM will introduce a new validation process for its Project Management Qualification to support professionals in documenting their experience.

The introduction of the ChPP pathway streamlines the process for qualified project professionals, regardless of their background or initial qualification. The new pathway launches in September with the first assessment cycle in November 2024.