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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### *Clarifying Information*

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to outline the new Professional Responsibility domain found in the Project Management Institute's (PMI®) certification examinations for the Project Management Professional (PMP®) deployed globally on 4 March 2002 and the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM™) with expected global deployment date of July 2002. This document introduces the performance domain, study references, and links to sample exam questions and references.

#### **PERFORMANCE DOMAIN**

The Professional Responsibility performance domain of the PMP and CAPM exams will include questions on the use of judgement, ethics, and responsibility. The knowledge areas identified through the Role Delineation Study that will be tested in the PMP and CAPM exams are:

- Ensuring integrity of action and communications
- Contributing to the project management knowledge base
- Applying professional knowledge
- Balancing stakeholder interests
- Respecting differences

Of the 200 questions on the PMP exam, approximately 15% apply to the topic of professional responsibility. Of the 150 questions on the CAPM exam, approximately 12% apply to this topic.

#### **STUDY REFERENCES**

The following materials are supplements to the PMP Resource Package and PMP Resource Package - Lite. These are the main written references that can assist you in reviewing the principles of professional responsibility. All of these references are available on the PMI Web site [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org).

#### **1) Project Management Code of Professional Conduct**

- a) Responsibilities to the Profession of Project Management. This section deals with the candidate's responsibility to:
  - comply with laws, regulations, and ethical standards governing professional practice in the state/province/country when providing project management services;
  - recognize and respect intellectual property developed or owned by others and be accurate and truthful in all activities related to work and research;
  - adhere to the policies and procedures of the Project Management Institute in any activity associated with PMI's certification programs.

- b) Responsibilities to Customers and the Public. This section deals with the candidate's responsibility to:
- be truthful, accurate, and technically correct in regards to project scope and other requirements;
  - maintain and respect the confidentiality of information in the course of professional activities.

## 2) The Role Delineation Studies

These studies, one for the PMP and one for the CAPM, outline the tasks, knowledge and skill statements applicable to each domain, including Performance Domain VI, Professional Responsibility. They include:

- a description of the examination development methodology followed to ensure examination content validity
- validation survey population and results
- identification of the performance domains and task statements
- the core knowledge and skills required to perform the tasks successfully

## 3) Additional References

The Cultural Dimension of International Business by Gary Ferraro

Global Literacies by Robert Rosen

Doing Business Internationally by Terence Brake, Daniell Walker and Thomas Walker

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