

**O APMG** International AgilePM version 3 FAQs

# GENERAL

# Why has AgilePM been refreshed?

This update aligns AgilePM with evolving Agile, project management, and business practices. The refresh was driven by user feedback and the need to introduce new features and techniques while removing outdated ones. This ensures that AgilePM remains relevant and effective in today's fast-paced project environments.

### What has changed (v2 to v3)?

Version 3 incorporates significant updates to the content and structure of the framework to better meet the needs of modern project teams, including new learning modules and a greater emphasis on leadership and value delivery.

- Focus on delivering value over merely delivering project outputs, ensuring meaningful business outcomes.
- Empowering project managers to become leaders in their projects, shifting from traditional management to inspiring leadership.
- Integration of Scrum to enhance project delivery effectiveness, using it as the core engine for product delivery.
- Better strategies and support for managing projects with multiple teams, providing enhanced guidance for coordination and collaboration.
- Enhanced learning and assessment experience with interactive simulations and improved tools and techniques for more effective learning outcomes.

### When will courses and exams for v3 be available?

AgilePM accredited training organizations (ATOs) and accredited trainers are required to update their materials and knowledge to align to v3. V3 courses will be available from November 2024. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to ascertain the version of training they will receive when discussing training requirements with an ATO.

#### Why does AgilePM v3 emphasize delivering value over products?

The shift to delivering value ensures that projects meet the actual needs and goals of stakeholders. This approach focuses on outcomes that provide real benefits, making sure that every project effort contributes to significant improvements and tangible results.

#### How does AgilePM v3 incorporate Scrum?

AgilePM3 embraces Scrum as the central method for product delivery. Scrum provides a structured yet flexible framework that enhances project efficiency and team collaboration, ensuring that project goals are met effectively and efficiently.

# **GENERAL** (continued)

# What support does AgilePM v3 offer for managing multi-team projects?

AgilePM3 offers enhanced guidance for projects involving multiple teams. This includes best practices for coordination, communication, and collaboration, ensuring that all teams work seamlessly together towards common project goals.

# **REFERENCE BOOK v3**

### Where can I purchase the Reference Book?

The AgilePM Reference Book v3 (in English) is available to purchase now <u>via the</u> <u>APMG Store</u> (paperback). Paperback and Kindle editions are <u>available via Amazon</u>. Work has started on translated versions; these will become available in early 2025.

Note, for previous versions, the publication was known as the AgilePM Handbook.

### Will the v3 reference book remain the core reference material for courses?

Yes, the v3 reference book becomes the core reference materials for v3 training courses and exams.

### When will the new AgilePM Reference Book be available in English?

The AgilePM Reference Book v3 (in English) is available to purchase now via Amazon (paperback and Kindle editions).

# When will the new AgilePM Reference Book v3 be available in Polish?

Translation work for the Polish edition is underway. We expect it to be completed and available to purchase in the first quarter of 2025.

# When will the new AgilePM Reference Book v3 be available in French?

Translation work for the French edition is underway. We expect it to be completed and available to purchase in the second quarter of 2025.

# When will the new AgilePM Reference Book v3 be available in German?

We expect the German editions to be completed and available to purchase in the second quarter of 2025.

# When will the new AgilePM Reference Book v3 be available in Dutch?

The Agile Business Consortium is planning to develop a Dutch translation. At this stage, we're unable to share an estimated publication date.

# **REFERENCE BOOK v3 (continued)**

# When will the new AgilePM Reference Book v3 be available in Spanish?

The Agile Business Consortium is planning to develop a Spanish translation. At this stage, we're unable to share an estimated publication date.

### What formats will the reference book be available in?

The v3 refresh book (in all available languages) will be available in paperback and Amazon Kindle formats.

# v3 SYLLABUS, EXAMS & TRAINING

### Will the AgilePM syllabus change?

Yes. The changes from version 2 to version 3 are significant, therefore requiring significant changes to the syllabus and exams to ensure they reflect the content of the new reference book.

# What is the structure of the AgilePM v3 examinations? Will the format of the examinations change?

The fundamental structure of the exams remain unchanged with a multiple-choice Foundation exam and objective-testing format Practitioner exam. Whilst the structure remains, questions have been adapted to align with the revised syllabus and reference book.

#### Will the difficulty of the examinations change?

No. As per the answer above, the fundamental structure of the exams and difficulty levels remain.

#### When will new sample papers be available?

New sample papers for both revised Foundation and Practitioner exams are available now.

# Do candidates have to undertake training before they can take the AgilePM v3 exam?

No, however, it is strongly recommended. Whilst it is possible to self-study in preparation for the exams, we recommend approved training with an AgilePM accredited training organization (ATO).

# Where can I get training for AgilePM v3?

A global network of AgilePM accredited training organizations (ATOs), assessed and accredited by APMG, offer courses on AgilePM3. You can find details of all ATOs at the APMG International website.

# v3 SYLLABUS, EXAMS & TRAINING (continued)

### What are my options for preparing for the AgilePM v3 examinations?

You can prepare for the AgilePM3 certification through accredited training providers who offer courses in various formats. Alternatively, you can choose to self-study and book your exam directly with our partner APMG. This flexibility allows you to prepare at your own pace and convenience.

#### What can I expect from an AgilePM v3 course?

Expect a comprehensive learning experience that covers the latest agile project management techniques and practices, with interactive elements and practical applications to enhance your understanding and skills.

The processes, training materials and individual trainers of AgilePM ATOs are assessed and accredited by APMG to ensure that courses provide a detailed understanding of the AgilePM framework and prepare candidates for the relevant exam/s.

#### What are the benefits of training for individuals?

Learners can expect the following benefits and learning outcomes as a result of accredited AgilePM training:

- Gain a deep understanding of agile project management principles, concepts and processes, and how to apply them to deliver maximum value for successful projects.
- Deliver real value, not just tasks. AgilePM goes beyond task completion; it emphasizes delivering meaningful, measurable outcomes that drive success.
- Enhance your ability to facilitate better interaction between stakeholders, developers, and project teams, ensuring clear understanding and alignment.
- Position yourself as a key player in agile projects, capable of driving project success through insightful management and leadership.
- Boost your career, confidence, and credibility with digital recognition on your CV and social profiles, showcasing your alignment with a professional body.
- Stand out with a certification that sets the global standard for agile project management, making you a sought-after professional in any industry.
- Use agile principles to enhance collaboration, innovation, and efficiency, ensuring your projects meet and exceed stakeholder expectations.
- Deepen your understanding of advanced agile frameworks, improving your ability to adapt and succeed in rapidly changing project environments.
- Enhance your CV and boost future employment prospects with a globally recognized certification to increase your earning power, drive project success, and stand out in the crowd.

# v3 SYLLABUS, EXAMS & TRAINING (continued)

#### Have the new materials and syllabus been tested?

Yes. The Agile Business Consortium has conducted a series of pilot courses to rigorously test the quality of the syllabus and training materials. A broad range of professionals with varying levels of Agile and project management experience and from diverse backgrounds took part in the pilot courses to ensure the materials and training experience address the needs of a wide range of professionals and industries.

#### Who should consider taking an AgilePM v3 course and certification?

Project professionals looking to enhance their agile project management skills, teams seeking to implement agile practices, and organizations aiming to improve project outcomes through agile methodologies are ideal candidates.

# **v3 EXAM TRANSLATIONS**

When will AgilePM v3 exams be available in English? English v3 exams are available now.

#### When will AgilePM v3 exams be available in Polish?

We expect v3 exams in Polish to be available in Q1 2025.

#### When will AgilePM v3 exams be available in French?

We expect v3 exams in French to be available in Q2 2025.

#### When will AgilePM v3 exams be available in German?

We expect v3 exams in German to be available in Q2 2025.

#### When will AgilePM v3 exams be available in Dutch?

We expect v3 exams in Dutch to be available in Q2 2025.

#### When will AgilePM v3 exams be available in Italian?

We expect v3 exams in Italian to be available in Q2 2025.

#### Are further translations being considered?

Spanish exam translations are also under consideration. At this time, it's difficult to say when they will be available.

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# CANDIDATES AND END USERS

# Will my existing certification remain valid? Will I need to recertify?

Existing AgilePM certifications will remain valid. While there is no requirement to upgrade, you may choose to attend upgrade courses or workshops offered by accredited training providers to familiarize yourself with the new features and improvements in version 3.

# Will a bridging course / certification be available and will existing candidates need to take it?

There are no official bridging courses or bridging certifications to move from v2 to v3. Due to the scale of changes between the two versions, it's difficult to condense the content down into one or two-day bridging courses.

### Does the v2 content remain relevant?

Version 2 content remains relevant and a perfectly suitable framework for managing Agile projects. As with any industry, new practices and trends emerge which require a refresh of guidance, frameworks and supporting training services.

# How will candidates be assessed/examined for AgilePM v3?

The examination structure from version 2 (i.e. a multiple-choice exam at Foundation level and objective-testing format exam at Practitioner level) will be carried over to version 3. Whilst the high-level structure remains the same, the question bank has been thoroughly refreshed to align with the v3 reference book, syllabus and course materials.

# Are there any pre-requisites for AgilePM v3?

At Foundation level, there are no pre-requisites. For the Practitioner level, candidates must first pass the Foundation exam.