

FAQ

1. Who is 4cPM? Why should I work with them?

The content of the syllabus is constantly updated to remain consistent with the pace and scale, as well as the technological changes in the evolving multi-sector project management world. University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) have entered into a partnership with and Castle College to quality assure - and thereby validate - the new Diploma on the world stage. The Partnership is called 4cPM.

Castle College Nottingham (www.castlecollege.ac.uk) is a 'Super-College' merger of two large Colleges of Further Education and an Associate College of both De Montfort University and The Nottingham Trent University. Castle College Nottingham is one of the leading colleges in the UK, with a full range of education and training programmes for both domestic and international students. Some 28,000 students each year benefit from its long and substantial expertise, 700 of these come from over 40 countries around the world. The College has strong links with industrial, commercial and governmental organisations and a reputation for flexible and responsive delivery.

University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) (www.cie.org.uk) is the world's largest provider of international qualifications for 14-19 year olds. In addition to its portfolio of qualifications, CIE offers established, successful training providers a seal of approval for their programmes and courses, giving students and their employers the quality assurances they demand. CIE has carried out an evaluation of the IDPMpl programme, and validates both the programme content and the assessment system established by 4cPM to administrate student entries. As such, 4cPM is a Cambridge Quality Assured Partner (QAP), delivering a UK Level 4/5 qualification, which, for successful graduates, leads to the award of a University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) Diploma.

2. Is the Diploma a University of Cambridge Qualification?

Yes, University of Cambridge validate and quality assure the Award. The actual Diploma Document will clearly display the University of Cambridge Crest and Logo.

3. Will I get a University of Cambridge Diploma if I am successful?

Yes. It is possible to achieve the full University of Cambridge International Examination International Diploma – Professional Level (IDPMpl) at PASS level (Academic Level 4 equivalent - Degree) and at **DISTINCTION** level (Academic Level 5 equivalent - Masters)

4. What is the IDPMpl programme delivery language?

English. There will be other delivery languages as the programme develops.

5. How useful is the IDPM Award to me as a working project manager?

The IDPMpl is a global qualification. It is intended to have wide application for project management staff that take responsibility for defined projects, or multiple projects. It is

also suitable for staff that manage the achievement of goals and targets within an organisation's core activity. 4cPM's IDPMpl Award recognizes the growing importance of project management as a skill-set that more and more people need in order to contribute effectively to the dynamic business environment. The Award enables candidates to demonstrate that they can effectively manage all elements of a project people, facilities, information, technology and finance towards a project goal. Candidates will be required to prove their competence in a wide set of project related skills including the selection and organization of viable projects, project leadership and the management and control of change. The 4cPM Award is designed around six modules of study that follow the naturally occurring phases of a project life cycle. The Award also recognizes and embodies other internationally used methodologies such as PRINCE2 and Logical Framework Analysis (Log FRAME).

6. What is the length of the IDPMpl programme?

The IDPMpl programme takes approximately one year, but is likely to be heavily influenced by the work-based (personal) project used as the IDPMpl Learner's assessment vehicle. There are 3 seminars with on-line support. Learners should, as far as possible, ensure attendance at all 3 seminars.

It is unlikely that a working project will fit neatly into an IDPMpl programme, so 4cPM will be very flexible in working with IDPMpl learners.

The 4cPM delivery programme is based on the model above and individually negotiated Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) where applicable.

- Three Seminars at 24 Guided Learning Hours (72 glh)
- Access to 1200 hrs of email/on-line support availability to each IDPMpl Group. Responses will be posted to the IDPMpl Website within 3 hrs of receipt.
- Three Assignments with approximately 70 self-study hours per assignment
- Project File with approximately 390 indirect self-study hours

The scheme is designed with approximately 282 direct study hours, including seminars, over the duration of approximately one year to complete three assignments. There will also be additional 390 indirect study hours to compile and maintain the Project File. Indirect study hours are likely to integrate with normal working time.

7. What do I actually have to do to complete the IDPMpl programme and be successful?

In order to provide appropriate and proper evidence of competence, three assignments must be completed in a time scale agreed with the 4cPM tutor. Each assignment is made up of several parts and covers part of the project life cycle.

- Assignment 1 covers project design, initiation and organization
- Assignment 2 covers the process up to financial approval
- Assignment 3 covers monitoring, tracking through the process to project closure, and/or hand over.

In addition to the three assignments, a Project File, verified by the project Sponsor, must be maintained from the outset of the course. The Project File will collect and duplicate data from the 3 assignments and is a live project management tool, whereas the assignments are specific requirements for project management information which will enable and standardize the assessment process.

8. My organisation is very concerned about confidential project information travelling outside a controlled environment. How can 4cPM ensure privacy and confidentiality of naturally generated project evidence?

4cPM recognizes that real-life Project Files and Assignments must be guaranteed absolute confidentiality. The assignments and project file are not made available to other parties at any stage and remain confidential to discussions between the learner and tutor. Files and documents may also be 'anonymised' by changing names, dates and locations.

9. How long will it be before I get my assignment examination results?

Maximum 8 weeks. In some cases much sooner.