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Introduction

Project Management Institute (PMI) offers a professional certification titled Disciplined Agile® Scrum

PMI certifications are developed by practitioners for practitioners. Our certifications are based on rigorous standard and ongoing research to meet the real-world needs of organizations. PMI agile certifications span beyond any single approach and tailor your way of working to your unique situation. PMI offers a range of agile training and certifications. From a comprehensive introduction to leading agile and lean approaches like Scum, Kanban, SAFe, and more, to mastery of accelerating value delivery. The Disciplined Agile Scrum Master (DASM) certification equips you to effectively work on agile teams using the Disciplined Agile toolkit, which includes proven practices and approaches. With the DASM certification, an individual will understand how to customize their way of working to the approach that makes sense for the situation faced in the organization and industry. The DASM certification is open to individuals new to agile or looking to refine their Agile skills. Candidates must complete the workshop prior to taking the exam. The DASM course may be taken in an instructor-led workshop through a PMI Authorized Training Provider (ATP), or by self-paced online course. Upon completing the DASM course, candidates become eligible to take the DASM certification exam.

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PMI conducted a global practice analysis (GPA), which included both extensive market research and a job task analysis (JTA). The GPA identified a number of trends that were used as inputs into the JTA and ensure the validity and relevance of the DASM examination. Validation assures that each examination measures the most critical and frequently performed elements of the project management profession in terms of real settings. PMI strives to ensure its certifications meet market needs and expectations as well as deliver value to both individuals and organizations.

The DASM examination is the final step in earning this professional certification, thus it is imperative that the exam accurately reflects the practices of Agile Practitioners. All the questions on the examination have been written and extensively reviewed by subject matter experts and can be found in a minimum of two references. These questions are mapped to the DASM ECO to ensure that an appropriate number of questions are in place for valid examination.

PMI retained Alpine Testing Solutions to develop the global DASM ECO. Alpine Testing Solutions provides psychometric, test development, and credential management solutions to credentialing and educational programs.

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Finally, it is important to note that the volunteer taskforce involved in the GPA study described previously were not bound by any one particular practice guide or textbook. The taskforce members were charged with outlining critical job tasks of individuals at the agile coach level based on their experience and pertinent resources.

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The following table identifies the proportion of questions from each domain that will appear on the examination.

1	Foundations of Agile	30%
2	Foundations of Lean	20%
3	Foundations of Disciplined Agile	24%
4	Choose your WoW	26%
		100%

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1	**Foundations of Agile**	30%
1.1	Understand the Agile mindset	
1.2	Differentiate between the iterative ceremonies	
1.3	Define user stories	
2	**Foundations of Lean**	**20%**
2.1	Understand the principles of Lean	
2.2	Recognize how to optimize lean delivery	
2.3	Describe how to learn pragmatically	
2.4	Understand the team	
3	**Foundations of Disciplined Agile**	**24%**
3.1	Understand the Disciplined Agile mindset	
3.2	Identify the value proposition of DA	
3.3	List and describe the 8 principles of DA and when to use them	
3.4	Classify the DA life cycles and phases	
3.5	Classify the DA roles within a self-organizing team	
3.6	Identify goals using the DA toolkit	
4	**Choose your WoW**	**26%**
4.1	Distinguish how people are organized within DA teams	
4.2	Select your team's way of working	

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DASM Eligibility and Payment

DASM Eligibility Requirements

The first step towards obtaining the DASM certification is to successfully complete either the instructor-led DASM course offered by a PMI Authorized Training Provider (ATP); or the DASM eLearning Online Course.

To be eligible for the DASM certification, no experience is required. The DASM is for people new to Agile. We recommend that candidates watch PMI's free 45-minute video, *Basics of Scrum*, if they are completely unfamiliar with Agile.

There is no application for the DASM.

DASM Certification Fees

The fees for obtaining the DASM Certification are subject to membership and regional pricing. Membership is NOT required to obtain the DASM. Initial examination fees must be paid after applications have been approved before you can schedule your examination. The course fee includes your first exam attempt; eLearners can pay when purchasing the course through their PMI profile. For those utilizing one of PMI's Authorized Training Partners, your fee is paid directly to the ATP.

You are granted a 60-day eligibility period in which to pass the examination. During the eligibility period, you may take the examination up to three times, as candidates do not always pass the examination on their first attempt.

If you need to retake the exam, and your eligibility period is still current, you may do so by submitting the re-exam fee by accessing your candidate MyPMI profile on PMI.org.

The DASM certification is valid for one year and can be renewed by earning & reporting 7 PDUs related to agile content and submitting the annual renewal fee. Renewing your DASM Certification will require a payment based on membership and regional pricing

We currently support U.S. dollar, euro, Brazilian real (BRL), and Indian rupee (INR) currencies.

PMI accepts the following payment methods of credit cards and wire transfers.

Please note that reexamination fees are waived for candidates who have had their exam scores invalidated solely due to data forensics evidence.

DASM Examination Information

Exam Length

The DASM exam is administered through Pearson VUE. The exam is an online, non-proctored test including 50 multiple-choice questions. There are no pretest questions included in the DASM exam. All questions are placed throughout the examination randomly. The total exam appointment is 120 minutes—30 minutes for the introduction, tutorial, and survey and up to 90 minutes for completing the exam.

No. of Scored Questions	No. of Pretest (Unscored) Questions	Total Examination Questions
50	0	50

The total time to complete the DASM examination including disclosures and tutorials is **120 minutes.**

Allotted Examination Time
90 minutes

It may take some certification candidates less than the allotted 90 minutes to complete the examination.

Score Report
To see your exam results immediately after taking the exam you can do so from your Pearson Vue Dashboard by clicking on "View Score Reports". PMI does not publish the passing score for any of their DA certifications. Only PASS or FAIL is given.

Retaking the Exam

Upon submitting payment for the exam, candidates a period of 60 days to take the exam. In the event of an unsuccessful exam attempt, candidates may submit payment to retake the exam. All candidates will receive an initial three exam attempts to pass the exam during the 60-day eligibility period. In the event that you encounter three unsuccessful exam attempts, there will be a 45-day eligibility waiting period prior to submitting payment again for an exam retake.
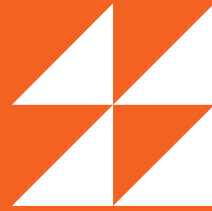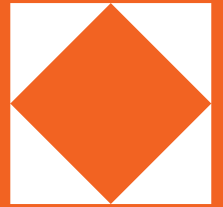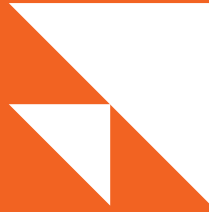
PMI encourages you to take this 45-day period to leverage the content provided to you from the course and experience to prepare the exam

Payment for the exam can be submitted from the MyPMI certification dashboard on PMI.org

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