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The PMP Exam: Quick Reference Guide, Fifth Edition (Test Prep Series)



Synopsis

A quick reference guide for the PMP Exam, this sturdy, laminated card accompanies *The PMP Exam: How To Pass On Your First Try, 5th Edition*. Presenting all 47 processes along with the key inputs, tools, and outputs, this helpful tool also depicts techniques, tables, and graphs to highlight the most important information at a glance. Common formulas are organized for rapid look-up, bringing relevant information for the PMP Exam together in one resource.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this Quick Reference Guide (QRG) with the PMPOK Guide thinking these ref charts would save time - I think it might be called "Quick" for the reason in the "bad" section below
The good - The publisher did a very nice, quality job on construction and it has well laid out groupings of information (This keeps it from being a 1 star). I really like the idea of a consolidated mix of key terms/vocab next to the Inputs/Tools/Outputs for each section - though the terms don't match the BOK. For fairness, the QRG does NOT say it summarizes the BOK and it DOES say it is for use with the "How to Pass on Your first try" book which I have not seen. That might explain why the QRG brings up a few terms that I did not find in the BOK.
The bad - The I/T/O groups are terribly incomplete - about 30% or more information is missing from each of the BOK's OV sections I looked at (Comms/Risk/Proc Mgt areas). An extreme example is from Id Risks 11.2. The BOK has 11 Inputs the QRG has only 4 Inputs. Which source am I going to trust to reference prior to an exam or during

a project? Obviously from my rating, I cannot use this as a standalone guide for reviewing because I am only reviewing partial information and therefore only partially refreshing my memory on the BOK's inputs, tools, outputs across the processes. The QRG is too low a cost to return and I do like the additional terms, but I do plan on directly referencing the BOK's OVs and DFDs since those give a simple, well laid out and *complete* review with a process-integrated perspective. At least my 3*, \$30 Internet reference material set completely lists all 87 I/Os and their 206/129 uses across the 42 processes and the 135 tools etc and includes a colorful 100 page doc on all the sched/cost/qual/EVM formulas. Bottom line, my study plan does not reserve much time referencing the "Quick" Reference Guide. A side note. From the \$90 I have spent on PMP study material my initial review a lot of hit and miss - 2 docs at 2*, 1 at 3* and 2 are 4* (BOK is good for understanding fundamental data leading to test prep, but has no practice area and is missing a lot of essential information specific for doing actual PM work on development projects, which to be fair, they do acknowledge at various times). It is clear from my initial review that the BOK does need to be supplemented, so my advice is to pick your materials well, based on where your knowledge & experience levels are and how you best learn.

Pretty funny how one of the major sections of the PMP is Quality Control and the three things that Andy Crowe puts out (Quick Reference Guide, flash cards, and How to Pass on your First Try) are completely different with their information. For example, the book lists all inputs, tools and techniques. The Quick Reference Guide lists less; and the flashcards lack 90% of total inputs, tools, and techniques. Rather than list all of them, in many cases it says none. Normally having three resources would be advantages. However, using these in conjunction will only lead you to confusion, and likely failure the first few times you take the exam.

I bought this along with Andy's book, "The PMP Exam: How to Pass on Your First Try, Fourth Edition." This guide is a great study aid and reference tool. Prior to taking the test, I used this as a handy reference for refreshing my memory on key inputs, outputs, and processes and also for mathematical formulas. The guide is actually a laminated tri-fold guide, with a total of six pages (three sheets, front and back). It's well-organized and extremely helpful. Now that I've taken the test, I'll keep this handy for everyday reference.

Not worth it. With the recent changes from the Jan 2016 PMP exam update, you really need to know the ITTO's which are incomplete on this pamphlet. Also, the focus of the exam has recently

changed on specific processes that aren't covered in depth on this guide. Make your own flash cards.

This is supposed to be an all encompassing Quick Reference Guide. It is a decent tool but hardly adequate for someone preparing for the PMP. Half of the Inputs, Tools and Outputs for the various processes are missing. Had to get a Sharpie and add the missing info so that it would actually be complete and contain all the data. I wish I could post a picture of the number of additions to the "reference guide". You need to update your work, Mr. Crowe !

I purchased this item after I passed the PMP exam .. I can see how much I needed something like that for final review .. However, I loved it! I am keeping it on the top of my work desk for quick reference. It is handy, dense, brief, the print is perfect, and the lamination keeps it safe from coffee accidents. Finally, I think every PM will love it. Thanks Andy Crowe!!

I really wanted this to be a helpful quick reference not it contains inaccurate information. For example, it shows only 2 inputs to the Develop Project Charter process but there are actually 5. I can't trust it so I returned it.

I like the approach of how the process outputs feed into new process's inputs. This helps greatly for us systems thinkers. However, this is not a commercial-ready product. Numerous formatting mistakes, misspellings, and downright wrong information (try finding the Requirements Management Plan output). I think the author needs to go back to square one and fix this thing. I like it, it just is not worth buying in its present condition.

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