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Pave your path to a career in public works management with the CPWP-M certification.

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It’s your time. Get Certified!
Certified Public Works Professional-Management (CPWP-M)

The Certified Public Works Professional-Management is issued to recognize individuals in the public works field who have the knowledge and experience to manage organizations within a public works department. The certification is for public works managers, superintendents and supervisors ready for management positions.

**Step 1: Applying for Eligibility**

To demonstrate eligibility, candidates must submit an application documenting compliance with the following requirements:

- **Completion of one of the following education and work experience pathways:**
  - Current or previous experience serving as an employee or contracted employee for a public agency.
  - High school graduation or equivalent and 7 years public works experience, with a minimum of three years supervisory experience in public works.
  - Associates degree or trade school certificate with equivalent credit hours and 5 years public works experience*, with a minimum of three years supervisory experience in public works.
  - Bachelors degree or higher and 3 years public works experience*, with a minimum of three years supervisory experience in public works.
  - Completion of the Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision, with a minimum of three years supervisory experience in public works.

- **Complete Resume/description of relevant public works supervisory experience**

- **Cover Letter explaining why the individual is seeking the certification**

- **Agreement in writing to adhere to the APWA Standards of Professional Conduct**

* Completion of an APWA Nationally-Approved Public Works Institute may be used to substitute for two years of public works experience. It may not be substituted for the required three years supervisory experience.

**Eligibility Application Fee:** APWA members $195 USD; Nonmembers $245 USD

**Step 2: Verification**

Applications are reviewed within 14 business days of receipt and candidate is notified via email. Eligibility must be approved 30 days prior to scheduled exam.

If approved, candidate has 2 years to sit for the examination.

**Step 3: Taking the Exam**

Exams are computer-based and can be proctored at the candidate’s place of employment. The exam consists of 150 multiple-choice questions based on the CPWP-M Content Outline.

Preparation for the exam includes review of the Content Outline and utilization of the Recommended Reading List for review areas.

**Exam Application Fee:** $500

**Step 4: Certification**

Upon successful completion of the exam, candidates are certified for a period of five years and earn the right to use the CPWP-M designation and logo.

**Step 5: Recertification**

Prior to the end of the five-year period, **CPWP-M holders must complete a minimum of 50 credits earned** through a combination of continuing education hours and contributions to the profession.

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