How will *OPM3* ProductSuite help me in my assessment and/or consulting practice?

OPM3 ProductSuite provides service providers with training, tools and services that increase their ability to help their clients achieve greater value from *OPM3*. It also increases the market recognition and reliance on the PMI brand, thus increasing the importance of other programs, products, and services provided by PMI, including Certified *OPM3* ProductSuite providers. *OPM3* ProductSuite also offers a publicly accessible registry of *OPM3* ProductSuite providers. *OPM3* ProductSuite will introduce improvements in the application of *OPM3* through training, tools and services. *OPM3* ProductSuite will provide new tools that will provide greater service and access to support the expansion of your client base.

Becoming a Certified *OPM3* PMI Provider.

I am a Project Management Professional (PMP®). Do I need to become a PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessor or Consultant?

The PMP credential indicates your experience, education and mastery of project management knowledge as a project management practitioner.

The Certified *OPM3* Assessor or Consultant status will indicate your specific *OPM3* knowledge and qualification to use and apply the new *OPM3* ProductSuite tools. If you wish to be listed on the *OPM3* ProductSuite Provider Registry as an individual qualified to utilize the *OPM3* ProductSuite tools and services, then the new approval status will likely be of interest to you.

What is the process to become a PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessor or Consultant?

All applicants are required to submit a professional resume documenting experience in project management, Assessment and consulting, pass an entrance examination and successfully complete training. Applicants can prepare for the examination through self-study, or utilize *OPM3* training available in the marketplace. When the above listed requirements have been met, applicants are registered as PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessors or Consultants. Assessors and consultants are required to renew their PMI Certified status every third year.

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OPM3® ProductSuite

Frequently Asked Questions

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OPM3® ProductSuite supports the **Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3**®**)** with a full set of complementary ancillary products and services. An expansion of *OPM3, OPM3* ProductSuite will enable a higher level of *OPM3* application by providing service providers (i.e. Assessors and Consultants) with training, tools, and services that increase their ability to help organizations achieve even greater value from *OPM3*.

OPM3 ProductSuite is comprised of three main elements: certifications, tools, and services. The **OPM3 ProductSuite** element provides the project management community with the skills needed to achieve PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessor or PMI Certified *OPM3* Consultant status.

OPM3 ProductSuite Tools provide robust **Assessment** and **Improvement** tools and methodology. The tools allow rigorous inspection of the organization's total project management maturity to a degree that has never been available before.
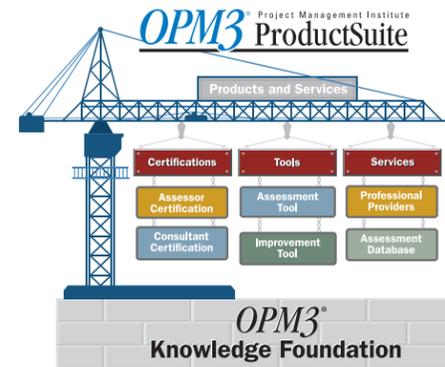
OPM3 ProductSuite Services currently consists of a comprehensive Assessment database, an *OPM3* ProductSuite Provider Registry, and a Registered *OPM3* Consultancy status. Benchmarking is also being considered as a future feature of *OPM3* ProductSuite Services.

Why is PMI developing *OPM3* ProductSuite?

PMI believes that many organizations will desire Assessment and Improvement services beyond what the *OPM3* Self-Assessment Module (SAM) and Improvement Tool currently provides. Many of these organizations will seek professional application of higher-level *OPM3* products and services.

PMI is responding to this need by teaming with DNV Certification to develop *OPM3* ProductSuite.

These efforts are in keeping with PMI's continued efforts to further the profession and acceptance of project management by providing the highest possible level of knowledge, service and support for optimal project management capabilities.

Why did PMI choose a single source for *OPM3* ProductSuite training and certification?

PMI recognized that an internationally recognized organization with a reputation for independent neutrality in the certification of management systems was essential to developing a credible system to support the quality deployment of *OPM3*. For this reason, they sought an organization that had a controlled, coordinated source of development, training and certification to ensure consistency in the administration of *OPM3* ProductSuite assessments. Only a single source can promise global uniformity that in turn yields consistent training and certification.

OPM3 ProductSuite: Strategic Alliance between PMI and DNV Certification

Who is DNV Certification?

DNV Certification is part of Det Norske Veritas, an independent, autonomous foundation, established in 1864, to safeguard life, property and the environment. Headquartered in Oslo, Norway, DNV has over 300 offices in more than 100 countries, with 6,000 employees. They have been a leader in the development of assessment, certification and improvement tools since 1977.

DNV is a world leader in providing certification of management systems, products and personnel to a wide range of industries. They have issued more than 50,000 certificates against management system standards including ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, and dispensed more than 600,000 individual personnel certifications.

How did PMI select DNV, and why are they developing and administering *OPM3* ProductSuite?

PMI's selection process included an open, international Request for Proposal, which elicited interest from over 200 organizations. An internal review was conducted, followed by an in-depth interview process and business case analysis.

Ultimately, DNV was selected because they best met PMI's rigorous criteria as a global foundation with a reputation for administering certifications and training, and through their association with organizations such as ISO, Baldridge and others. DNV's expertise in the global environment of independent management systems auditing and certification, speaks to the quality of their global training. Because of their vast experience, PMI is confident in their ability to provide training and certification that will ensure the uniform, worldwide application of *OPM3*.

DNV's infrastructure provides a faster, more comprehensive speed to market approach to access a growing global market. DNV's globally recognized expertise in assessment, training and certification underscores the quality and market value of *OPM3* ProductSuite.

PMI's relationship with DNV is much more than a vendor/customer affiliation; it is a strategic alliance where both parties are committed to the development and delivery of the highest quality training and certification services.

DNV will develop *OPM3* ProductSuite training and tools under the guidance of PMI. DNV will administer global training, certification and registration of PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessors and Consultants, as well as provide access to new tools and services. PMI will oversee DNV marketing, quality, and customer service operations.

The development of these services supports the advancement of PMI's strategic objectives of bringing truly value-added services to PMI stakeholders. The training and certification provided by DNV is open to all organizations and independent practitioners who wish to advance their knowledge of the application and improvement facets of *OPM3*.

Will PMI and/or DNV perform Assessment and/or Improvement services?

Neither PMI nor DNV will offer *OPM3* assessment or improvement services. DNV will be the exclusive provider of Certified *OPM3* Assessor andConsultant training, testing, certification and registration services.

Why *OPM3* ProductSuite?

I am already very knowledgeable in *OPM3* Assessment and/or Improvement, why should I invest in *OPM3* ProductSuite?

OPM3 ProductSuite offers significantly enhanced *OPM3* Assessment and Improvement tools. These new tools are only available to individuals trained and certified in their use and application. All PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessors and Consultants have the option of being listed in the *OPM3* ProductSuite Provider Registry. The registry, a resource to organizations seeking higher-level *OPM3* services, is also beneficial to the provider by making them more marketable and attractive to the consumer.

PMI and DNV's focused marketing of *OPM3* and *OPM3* ProductSuite will increase awareness of the *OPM3* family, and association with the PMI brand, which will likely result in an increased demand for approved providers.

How will *OPM3* ProductSuite help my organization?

OPM3 ProductSuite provides a listing of PMI Certified *OPM3* Assessors and Consultants, who have access to new tools designed to increase the effectiveness and reliability of Assessment and Improvement within your organization. The new tools will enhance the ability to align project management process improvement with the execution of strategies yielding the achievement of improved business results. *OPM3* ProductSuite will support the capability for compiled multi-input assessments and improvement planning and access to performance data from the *OPM3* ProductSuite database.

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