PMP Abbreviations

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Abbreviation/Term	Meaning	Used When
PMP	Project Management Professional	When referring to the certification or role.
PMI	Project Management Institute	When discussing the certifying body for PMP.
PMO	Project Management Office	When referring to the department managing project standards.
EEF	Enterprise Environmental Factors	When considering internal and external influences on a project.
OPA	Organizational Process Assets	When referring to internal assets like procedures and knowledge.
WBS	Work Breakdown Structure	When breaking down project deliverables into smaller components.
EVM	Earned Value Management	When assessing project performance and progress.
CCB	Change Control Board	When managing changes to project scope or plans.
RACI	Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed	When defining roles and responsibilities in a project.
SOW	Statement of Work	When defining project scope and deliverables for procurement.
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	When measuring project success against key metrics.
Gantt	Gantt Chart	When visualizing project schedule and task timelines.

RFP	Request for Proposal	When soliciting proposals from vendors.
SLA	Service Level Agreement	When defining service expectations and metrics.
EAC	Estimate at Completion	When forecasting the total project cost at completion.
ETC	Estimate to Complete	When estimating the remaining costs to complete the project.
SPI	Schedule Performance Index	When measuring how well the project adheres to the schedule.
CPI	Cost Performance Index	When evaluating cost efficiency in a project.
BAC	Budget at Completion	When defining the total budget for the project.
PV	Planned Value	When measuring the value of work planned to be performed by a certain date.
AC	Actual Cost	When recording the actual costs incurred for work performed.
SV	Schedule Variance	When assessing the deviation between planned and actual progress.
CV	Cost Variance	When measuring the deviation between planned and actual costs.
RBS	Risk Breakdown Structure	When identifying and categorizing project risks.
TBD	To Be Determined	When a decision or detail is pending.
RFP	Request for Proposal	When seeking proposals from potential vendors.
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement	When protecting confidential information.

OPEX	Operational Expenditure	When referring to ongoing operational costs.
P&L	Profit and Loss	When reviewing financial performance of the project.
WBS Dictionary	Work Breakdown Structure Dictionary	When detailing the scope and deliverables of WBS components.
Issue Log	Document tracking project issues	When recording and managing issues encountered.
Risk Register	Document listing identified risks and responses	When tracking risks and their management strategies.
Project Charter	Document authorizing the project and defining its objectives	When initiating and formally authorizing the project.
PMBOK	Project Management Body of Knowledge	When referring to the standard guidelines for project management.
T&M	Time and Materials	When billing or estimating project costs based on time and resources used.
AON	Activity on Node	When using a network diagram where activities are represented by nodes.
CPM	Critical Path Method	When analyzing the longest path of planned activities to determine the shortest time to complete the project.
PERT	Program Evaluation and Review Technique	When estimating project duration using a probabilistic approach.
DMAIC	Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control	When applying Six Sigma methodologies to improve processes.
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure	When referring to investments in long-term assets.

FMEA	Failure Modes and Effects Analysis	When identifying potential failure modes and their impacts.
QA	Quality Assurance	When ensuring the quality of deliverables and adherence to standards.
QC	Quality Control	When inspecting and testing deliverables to ensure they meet quality standards.
DOD	Definition of Done	When specifying the criteria that must be met for a project deliverable to be considered complete.
SLA	Service Level Agreement	When defining the performance and service standards agreed upon.
PESTEL	Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, Legal	When analyzing external factors affecting the project environment.
CR	Change Request	When proposing changes to the project scope, schedule, or costs.
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators	When measuring critical aspects of project performance.
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	When adhering to global standards and best practices.
P6	Primavera P6	When using a project management software for planning and scheduling.
CP	Critical Path	When identifying the sequence of crucial project tasks that determine the project duration.