# Welcome... To CMP!



#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



MEETING PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL

Presented by the CMP/CMM Committee of MPINCC

#### Today's Discussion...

- The History of CMP & CIC
- What to expect from CMP
- CMP application and registration deadlines
- CMP applications hints
- Quantifying your experience in the meetings and events industry
- Maximizing your points towards the application
- Resources for preparing for the CMP Exam
- CMP U

## The History of the CMP & CIC

- What is the purpose of the CIC
- Certified Meeting Professional
- CMP International Standards

# Terms found in the CMP International Standards

- Body of Knowledge
- Test Specifications
- Domain
- Skill
- Common Knowledge
- Knowledge
- Ability (Know how to):

#### CMP Detailed Exam Content

- 10 Domains
- 30 Skills
- 106 Sub Skills

#### **CMP Exam Domains**

- Domain A: Strategic Planning 16%
- Domain B: Project Management 15%
- Domain C: Risk Management 8%
- Domain D: Financial Management 10%
- Domain E: Human Resources 3%
- Domain F: Stakeholder Management 8%
- Domain G: Meeting or Event Design 16%
- Domain H: Site Management 12%
- Domain I: Marketing 11%
- Domain J: Professionalism 1%

### The CMP Designation Today...

A GLOBAL designation

Over 14,000 CMPs worldwide, in 36 countries and U.S. Territories

64% Planners

36% Suppliers

All industry professionals welcome!

#### The Benefits of Being a CMP...

- Global industry and peer recognition
- Authority to use the designation
- Professional development
- Personal achievement and increased confidence
- Competitive advantage
- Increased salary potential
- Network of fellow CMPs
- Educate and bring awareness to our industry

### The CMP Application...

#### The Application Point System:

- Professional Requirements
  - 3 Options
- Internship or Continuing Education Requirements
  - 2 Options

### Professional Requirements...

- Option 1: Professional Experience
  - Currently or recently employed in the industry (within the previous 12 months), with a minimum of 36 months of work experience OR
- Option 2: Professional & Education Experience
  - Currently or recently employed in the industry (within the previous 12 months), with a minimum of 24 months of work experience
  - Bachelor's degree in hospitality or international equivalent OR
- Option 3: Professional Experience in Academia
  - Currently a full-time instructor at an educational institution or in a university program, for a minimum of 36 months.

#### Internship or CE Requirements...

- Option 1: Completed a structured internship in industry with a minimum of 200 hours of work experience with a professional organization through an accredited education institution or university OR
- Option 2: Completed 25 clock hours of industry-related CEUs within the past 5 years

In order to receive credit for CEUs, courses must relate to one of the key topic areas listed on the CMP-IS (International Standards).

#### The Process of Becoming a CMP...

- Go to conventionindustry.org and download the CMP Application and the CMP Handbook
- 2. Complete and submit your application with documentation, and the appropriate fee
- Review CMP-IS for study guidelines and to confirm CEUs relate to key topics
- 4. Study using all Reference Materials
- 5. Sit for the Exam
- 6. Re-certify your designation every 5 years

#### The CMP Exam...

- 3.5 Hour Exam
- 165 Multiple Choice questions, 4 possible responses for each question
- NO fill-in-the-blank questions
- NO true/false questions
- No essay questions
- Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

#### Compute-Based Testing (CBT)

- Beginning July 2012 CIC will offer CBT for the CMP Exam
- Paper exams will no longer be available
- A brief demo is available at <a href="http://www.conventionindustry.org/cmp/cbtdemo">http://www.conventionindustry.org/cmp/cbtdemo</a>

#### Prometric

- Offered at 450 centers around the world
- www.prometric.com/CIC
  - Schedule your test
  - Locate a test center
  - Reschedule your test
  - Confirm your test
- Testing centers open 8am 5pm
  - 3 hours 30 minutes to complete exam
  - 30 minutes available to take tutorial
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlfaluKa80s for a brief explanation of the Prometric Check In Process

#### What to Expect

- CIC provides qualifying candidates with a letter explaining how to schedule an appointment with Prometric.
- Candidates must bring 1 form of non-expired, government issued ID (i.e. driver's license or passport)
- A dry erase board with markers will be provided to each candidate to take notes
- Candidates can use a basic calculator during the test
  - There is a "calculator" on-screen function
- Candidates can "challenge" a question
- Beginning November 2012, "unofficial" exam results will be available immediately following the exam
- Official results will be provided 30 days after the exam

### Deadlines and Fee\$...

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2012
Application Submission Period	October 21 – February 3, 2014	February 18-May 9, 2014
CIC Exam Registration	February 20-March 14, 2014	May 27 - June 10, 2014
Exam Appointment Scheduling	March 25 - May 7, 2014	June 26 - August 6, 2014
Exam Period	May 8 - 17, 2014	August 7 - 16, 2014

CMP Program Fees			
CMP Application Submission Fee	\$250 USD		
Exam Registration Fee	\$450 USD		
Exam Cancellation Fee	\$100 USD		



<sup>\*</sup> All deadlines reflect the date the CIC should RECEIVE your materials and fees

#### Preparing for the Exam...

- 4 Study References to purchase or borrow\*:
  - CIC Manual 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (\$65.95 USD)
  - PCMA Professional Meeting Management 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (\$79.99 USD)
  - CIC International Manual 1st Edition (\$79.95 USD)
  - APEX Glossary (download or purchase) (\$35.00 USD)
- CMP U presented by MPINCC
- Other Resources you may consider:
  - PCMA CMP Exam Prep Suite (Online Prep Course endorsed by the CIC)

<sup>\*</sup> If you borrow, make sure you have the current editions!

# Study References...



## Eligibility

- Beginning October 1, 2011 candidates will have 1 year from the time they are eligible to take the exam
- Candidates accepted prior to August 2011 will still have 2 years to successfully take and pass the exam

#### Your Personal Commitment...

- ✓ Determine your own reasons for pursuing the CMP designation
- ✓ What's important to you to make the experience worthwhile?
- ✓ Commit to putting aside <u>regular</u> time to study
- ✓ Do it for YOURSELF (even if your employer requires it)

# It's Time...

...to be recognized
...to gain a competitive advantage
...for personal achievement and further peer acceptance
...to formally show your commitment

# To Earn the CMP Designation!

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#### **CMP U**

- 11 Sessions on various Saturdays, January June
  - 1st session informational
  - Last session mock exam
- A network of CMPs to help you prepare for the exam
- Best test taking tips
- Practice quizzes
- Earn CEUs towards qualifying for CMP exam
- Opportunity to form study groups with other CMP candidates

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