

# ISM Certifications

Associate Professional in Supply Management™ (APSM™)

## Certification Process



### Prepare

#### Individual Exam Learning Systems

Six months access to:

- Supply Management Core Learning System

### Take & Pass Exams

Earning an APSM™ certification requires you to take and pass the APSM Supply Management Core exam, the same Supply Management Core exam needed to earn the Certified Professional in Supply Management® (CPSM®) certification.

The APSM emphasizes the major competencies of supply management including:

- Sourcing
- Category Management
- Negotiation
- Legal and Contractual
- Supplier Relationship Management
- Cost and Price Management
- Financial Analysis

Your exam registration is valid for six months from the day ISM processes your registration. You must test by the expiration date to avoid forfeiting your exam fees.

### Apply

Once you pass the exam, you are required to submit an application. Your APSM exam score is valid for five years, and you must submit your application while exam scores are valid.

### Continue to CPSM®

Ideal for those with one to two years left in their academic career, the APSM certification—which is valid for five years—gives you the first step toward achieving the globally recognized gold standard Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) certification, which requires at least three years of professional experience.

### Pricing

Preparing, taking and applying for the APSM costs less than \$575. If you are an active ISM student member log in and visit [ismworld.org/apsm](http://ismworld.org/apsm) for detailed pricing information.

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