

Aviation project manager

Aviation project managers coordinate a defined change or delivery effort. The verified example concerns airport infrastructure, not every airline, software or training project. A project-management title does not itself authorise engineering design sign-off, regulatory approval or operational change; technical and approval responsibilities must be allocated explicitly.

What the role does

- Coordinate scope, budget, schedule, risks and delivery information.
- Bring together client, design and construction stakeholders.
- Maintain project records and support agreed completion processes.

Where the work happens

Project office and airport-client/site coordination appropriate to the assignment.

Employer example

AtkinsRéalis • United States - Denver, Colorado • Aviation Project Manager - R-157379

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Category	What this employer states
Essential in this source	Relevant civil/architectural engineering or related bachelor degree; eight years of aviation engineering/project experience including three in project management. Airport-infrastructure delivery, applicable FAA/funding knowledge, communication and project-control capability.
Desirable in this source	PMP, CCM or equivalent, or working toward it; PE preferred; Unifier advantageous.
Other stated conditions	Rolling applications with no stated deadline.

Experienced engineering/infrastructure post. Its degree and experience requirements are not universal for all aviation project managers; preferred PE wording does not decide when engineering law requires licensure.

PREPARE AND VERIFY

Separate requirements from preparation

General occupational description, not engineering-licensing law.: BLS describes coordination of project budgets, schedules and staffing. Its general education and certification discussion is descriptive, not a legal rule or a substitute for an aviation employer's specific criteria. [O115-BLS]

Still to verify: One specific aviation-employer post verified. Colorado DORA's engineering-applications page returned 403 and is not relied on; statutory engineering scope remains unresolved. Rolling recruitment wording is not a guarantee of availability.

Explore a realistic entry route

- Identify the project type and employer before mapping qualifications. Airport construction, airline business change, training and IT projects have different technical boundaries. Read which decisions the manager owns and which require a designer, licensed professional, client or regulator. Do not assume the manager can approve every deliverable.
- Use the AtkinsRéalis example as an experienced infrastructure pathway. Map genuine project experience to scope, stakeholders, budget and delivery evidence without claiming achievements that

belonged to the wider team. Ask which professional credentials are preferred for selection and which technical activities legally require a separate licence.

- Practise planning with a harmless personal or community project. Define the objective, constraints, responsibilities, assumptions and review points. Record a change and its effect. Do not produce airport construction plans, engineering calculations or operational change instructions as an unsupervised career exercise.

Build evidence of your skills

- Create a fictional project brief for an office learning event: objective, exclusions, milestones, roles, risks and approval owner. Show the difference between completing a task and receiving acceptance. Label all figures as invented rather than implying real airport cost knowledge.
- Prepare a simple change log: requested change, reason, effect on time/cost/scope, decision owner and outcome. Explain how an unapproved request remains a request. Use no confidential supplier bids, airport plans or live schedules.

Prepare for an interview

Reflection prompts only, not questions claimed to be used by an employer.

- Preparation prompt: describe how you responded when a project assumption proved wrong. Explain your evidence, options and communication, including what you could not decide yourself. Use a genuine example without overstating your authority.
- Ask about client governance, technical sign-off, stakeholder coordination, supervision and project-control training. Clarify whether site access or travel is part of the assignment. These prompts are preparation, not actual interview questions or professional engineering advice.

Investigate possible next roles

Investigate programme coordination, a defined technical delivery specialism or larger-project leadership after relevant experience and selection. Project credentials and engineering licences serve different purposes; neither guarantees appointment or promotion.

Sources and scope

[\[E115-ATK\] AtkinsRéalis Aviation Project Manager - R-157379](#)

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[\[O115-BLS\] United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Project Management Specialists - Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

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