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# **ArchiMate<sup>®</sup> Program Configuration**

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# 1. Overview

The Open Group® Certification for People: ArchiMate® Certification Program (the Program) makes certification available to people who demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Body of Knowledge covered by the Program. The Program also provides accreditation for training courses designed to help people acquire the necessary knowledge and understanding of the Body of Knowledge in order for the person to achieve certification.

The Program is based upon a set of key documents:

1. *The Open Group Certification for People: Certification Policy*, which sets out the policies and processes by which an individual may achieve certification.
2. *The Open Group Certification for People: ArchiMate® Conformance Requirements and ArchiMate® 3 Conformance Requirements*, which document what elements of the Body of Knowledge an individual must know, understand, or be able to do, including depth of knowledge required, in order to achieve a given level of certification for a given Body of Knowledge.
3. *The Open Group Certification for People: Training Course Accreditation Policy*, which sets out the policies and processes by which a training course may achieve accreditation.
4. *The Open Group Certification for People: Training Course Accreditation Requirements*, which documents the criteria that must be met by a training course in order to achieve accreditation.

These four documents together set out the policies, processes, and requirements for the Program.

This document defines the values for the terms used within the key documents.

## 2. Program Configuration

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in either The Open Group Certification for People Certification Policy or Training Course Accreditation Policy.

### 2.1 Body of Knowledge

The Bodies of Knowledge for the Program are:

Body of Knowledge Identifier	Meaning for the Purposes of this Program
ArchiMate 2	ArchiMate® 2.1 Specification, The Open Group Standard, published by The Open Group, December 2013, Document No. C13L
ArchiMate 3	ArchiMate® 3.1 Specification, The Open Group Standard, published by The Open Group, November 2019, Document No. C197

## 2.2 Available Certifications

### 2.2.1 Certification Levels

The certifications available in the Program are:

Body of Knowledge Identifier	Level	Name of Level	Description
ArchiMate 2	Level 1	ArchiMate® 2 Foundation	Knowledge of the notation, terminology, structure, and concepts of the ArchiMate modeling language.
ArchiMate 2	Level 2	ArchiMate® 2 Certified	Knowledge, comprehension, and the ability to apply the ArchiMate modeling language.
ArchiMate 3	Level 1	ArchiMate® 3 Foundation	Knowledge of the notation, terminology, structure, and basic concepts of the ArchiMate modeling language.
ArchiMate 3	Level 2	ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner	Knowledge, comprehension, including advanced concepts, and the ability to apply the ArchiMate modeling language.

### 2.2.2 Conformance Requirements

The table below identifies where the requirements for certification at each level are documented. The requirements for ArchiMate® 2 Certified are a superset of those for ArchiMate® 2 Foundation. Similarly, the requirements for ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner are a superset of those for ArchiMate® 3 Foundation.

Name of Level	Associated Conformance Requirements
ArchiMate® 2 Foundation and ArchiMate® 2 Certified	The Open Group Certification for People: ArchiMate® Conformance Requirements, published by The Open Group, July 2014, Document No. X115
ArchiMate® 3 Foundation and ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner	The Open Group Certification for People: ArchiMate® 3 Conformance Requirements (Multi-level), Version 3.1, published by The Open Group, November 2019, Document No. X1610

### 2.2.3 ArchiMate® 2 Foundation

Purpose	Target Audience
<p>The purpose of certification for ArchiMate® 2 Foundation is to provide validation that an individual has gained knowledge of the notation, terminology, structure, and concepts of the ArchiMate modeling language.</p> <p>The learning objectives at this level focus on knowledge and comprehension.</p>	<p>The target audience for this level includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who require a basic understanding of the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Professionals who are working in roles associated with an architecture project and who need to understand architecture artifacts developed using the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Individuals who want to achieve a recognized qualification to demonstrate their knowledge of the ArchiMate modeling language</li> </ul>

## 2.2.4 ArchiMate® 2 Certified

Purpose	Target Audience
<p>The purpose of certification for ArchiMate® 2 Certified is to provide validation that an individual has the knowledge, comprehension, and ability to apply the ArchiMate modeling language.</p> <p>The learning objectives at this level focus on knowledge, comprehension, and practical application.</p>	<p>The target audience for this level includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who need to demonstrate practical usage and knowledge of the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Individuals who will be responsible for developing architecture artifacts using the ArchiMate language notation</li> <li>• Individuals who want to achieve a recognized qualification to demonstrate their practical ability to apply the ArchiMate modeling language</li> </ul>

## 2.2.5 ArchiMate® 3 Foundation

Purpose	Target Audience
<p>The purpose of certification for ArchiMate® 3 Foundation is to provide validation that the Candidate has gained knowledge of the notation, terminology, structure, and basic concepts of the ArchiMate modeling language.</p> <p>The learning objectives at this level focus on knowledge and comprehension.</p>	<p>The target audience for this level includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who require a basic understanding of the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Professionals who are working in roles associated with an architecture project and who need to understand architecture artifacts developed using the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Individuals who want to achieve a recognized qualification to demonstrate basic knowledge of the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Individuals who want to achieve ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner certification</li> </ul>

## 2.2.6 ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner

Purpose	Target Audience
<p>The purpose of certification for ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner is to provide validation that the Candidate has gained knowledge of the notation, terminology, structure, and concepts of the ArchiMate modeling language, and has the capability to use the ArchiMate language for modeling.</p> <p>The learning objectives at this level focus on knowledge, comprehension, analysis, and application.</p>	<p>The target audience for this level includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who need to demonstrate practical usage and knowledge of the ArchiMate modeling language</li> <li>• Individuals who will be responsible for developing architecture artifacts using ArchiMate language notation</li> <li>• Individuals who want to achieve a recognized qualification to demonstrate their practical ability to apply the ArchiMate modeling language</li> </ul>

## 2.2.7 Certification Mark

The Open Group Certification for People: ArchiMate® Certification Program Trademark License Agreement defines The Open Group Certification Mark logo that is to be used in the Program along with

the following labels that identify the specific Body of Knowledge against which a person is certified and the level of certification achieved:

Body of Knowledge Identifier	Level	Label for Level of Certification
ArchiMate 2	Level 1	Foundation
ArchiMate 2	Level 2	Certified
ArchiMate 3	Level 1	Foundation
ArchiMate 3	Level 2	Practitioner

## 2.3 General Program Elements

Program Elements	Meaning for the Purposes of this Program
Program Communities associated with the Program	None.
Relationship to Third-Party Programs	None.
Specification Authority	The Open Group ArchiMate® Forum

## 2.4 Elements Applicable to Certification of Individuals

Program Elements	Meaning for the Purposes of this Program
How may Candidates prepare for certification?	By attendance at a training course or by self-study.
Duration of certification	Indefinite Certification to a given version of the Body of Knowledge does not expire, so there are no re-certification or renewal requirements.

## 2.5 Elements Applicable to Training Course Accreditation

Program Elements	Meaning for the Purposes of this Program
May Accredited Training Course Providers offer examinations at their premises (integral examinations)?	Yes
Minimum certification level required for an individual in order for the individual to be eligible to be a trainer for an ArchiMate 2 Accredited Training Course	ArchiMate® 2 Certified
Label/tag line to be used with The Open Group Accreditation Logo for ArchiMate 2 courses accredited in this Program	ArchiMate® 2
Minimum certification level required for an individual in order for the individual to be eligible to be a trainer for an ArchiMate 3 Accredited Training Course	ArchiMate® 3 Practitioner

Program Elements	Meaning for the Purposes of this Program
Additional requirements for an individual providing training for an Accredited Training Course.	A trainer delivering Accredited Training Courses based on the ArchiMate 3.1 Specification must hold the ArchiMate® Essentials 3.1 Credential.
Label/tag line to be used with The Open Group Accreditation Logo for ArchiMate 3 courses accredited in this Program	ArchiMate® 3

## 2.6 Migration

Not applicable to ArchiMate 2 certification.

ArchiMate 3 certification is for certification to the latest version of the ArchiMate 3 Specification. All individuals, both new certification candidates and those who are or were previously ArchiMate 2 Certified, must take the current ArchiMate 3 examinations to achieve ArchiMate 3 Foundation or ArchiMate 3 Practitioner certification.