

# Getting Started with the ArchiMate<sup>®</sup> Certification for People Program

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This page is intended to provide guidance for individuals seeking ArchiMate certification. It provides answers to frequently asked questions about the program.

## Overview

- The ArchiMate Certification for People Program is a market-driven education and certification program to support ArchiMate (and its maintenance updates).
- There are two levels to certification: Level 1, known as ArchiMate 2 Foundation, and Level 2, known as ArchiMate 2 Certified. Level 2 contains the learning requirements for Level 1.
- It is optional whether you attend a training course.
- Accredited ArchiMate Training courses are available. A self-study pack is also available.

## What is the Purpose of the program?

- It ensures that individuals are knowledgeable about the ArchiMate modeling language.
- It is a common baseline of knowledge.
- It provides a visible trust mark.
- Read the [ArchiMate Certification Program Summary](#) for more information.

## How can I achieve certification?

You first need to decide the level you would like to study for.. Studying for ArchiMate 2 Foundation can be used as a learning objective towards achieving ArchiMate 2 Certified, as the learning outcomes in ArchiMate 2 Foundation are also required in ArchiMate 2 Certified. The difference between the two certification levels is that, in addition to the requirements for ArchiMate 2 Foundation, ArchiMate 2 Certified requires passing an advanced examination.

You will be notified by email after your exam results are submitted to the Certification Authority. Then you must visit The Open Group ArchiMate certification site again to enter into a Trademark License Agreement. If you have passed the exam and have completed these tasks successfully, you will then be certified.

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### **What are the steps to certification?**

The following are the steps that must be completed in order to achieve certification?

1. A candidate who wants to be certified, becomes familiar with the [Conformance Requirements](#).
2. The candidate acquires knowledge of ArchiMate by self-study or attending an Accredited Training Course.
3. The candidate takes an examination at a Prometric test center or as part of attending an Accredited Training Course.
4. The Certification Authority reviews the exam submission.
5. The Certification Authority notifies the candidate by email.
6. The candidate uses credentials received from the Certification Authority to accept the Trademark License Agreement.
7. The Certification Authority lists the candidate in Certification Directory and provides the PDF certificate and logos.

### **What are the available certifications?**

There are two levels of certification:

- ArchiMate Foundation: Knowledge of the notation, terminology, structure, and concepts of the ArchiMate modeling language.
- ArchiMate Certified: In addition to Knowledge and comprehension, the ability to analyze and apply the ArchiMate modeling language.

### **What is the retake policy if I fail an examination?**

Candidates who fail an examination are not allowed to retake an ArchiMate examination again for a period of one (1) month. We will void results we receive before one month has passed.

### **What is the Relationship between ArchiMate 2 Foundation and ArchiMate 2 Certified?**

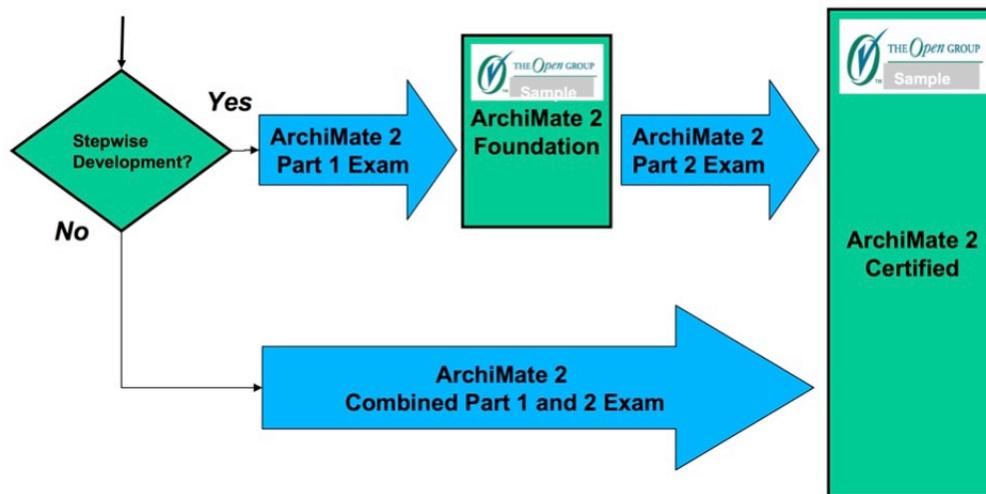
Candidates are able to choose whether they wish to become certified in a stepwise manner by starting with ArchiMate 2 Foundation and then at a later date ArchiMate 2 Certified, or bypass ArchiMate 2 Foundation and go directly to ArchiMate 2 Certified.

For those going directly to ArchiMate 2 Certified there is a choice of taking the two examinations separately or a Combined examination. The advantage of taking the two examinations over the single Combined examination is that if you pass Part 1 but fail Part 2 you can still qualify for ArchiMate 2 Foundation.

## What are the study paths to become certified?

The path to certification depends on the Level. They are summarized in the following diagram:

### ArchiMate 2 Certification Paths (Jan '14)



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## How can I find out about the syllabus and examinations?

To obtain a high level view, read the datasheets that describe certification. For detail on what is expected from candidates, see the [Conformance Requirements](#) document. The Conformance Requirements apply to both Level 1 and Level 2.

The ArchiMate 2 Part 1 examination comprises 40 questions in simple multiple choice format. The ArchiMate 2 Part 2 examination comprises 8 question using a gradient scored, scenario based format. Practice examinations are included as part of an Accredited ArchiMate Training course and available with the Study Guide.

What is considered a passing score for the ArchiMate 2 Examination?

You must answer at least 24 of the 40 questions correctly in order to pass the ArchiMate 2 Part 1 examination, a score of 60% or better. For ArchiMate 2 Part 2, the pass mark is set at 28 points out of 40, a score of 70% or better.

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### **What are the eligibility requirements for the exam?**

There are no eligibility requirements to take the ArchiMate 2 Part 1 examination leading to Level 1, ArchiMate 2 Foundation. If you are studying for Level 2, then in order to take the ArchiMate 2 Part 2 exam you must have either passed the ArchiMate 2 Part 1 examination or be taking the ArchiMate 2 Combined Part 1 and 2 examination.

### **How is the examination delivered?**

The exam is delivered through either at Prometric test centers or by Accredited Training Course Providers through The Open Group Internet Based Testing portal.

### **Are there practice examinations available?**

Yes, Accredited Training Course Providers have access to two practice examinations. A self-study pack is also available that includes a Study Guide with the practice examinations.

### **What is the ArchiSurance Case Study and how is it used?**

This is a fictional case study that illustrates the use of the ArchiMate and TOGAF standards. It is available as a free download from The Open Group Bookstore (Document Y121). The examination draws on examples from it.

### **If I fail, can I retake an exam immediately?**

No. The certification policy has a minimum period before you can retake an examination. This is currently one month. If you retake the exam before that period, we will void your test result.

### **How can I find a training course?**

You can find an available accredited training course either by viewing the [public Calendar of Accredited Training Courses](#) or by contacting a provider using the [Register of Accredited Training Courses](#). Click the course name entry; the detailed page displays a web link to the company that offers the course. As part of the package of attending the qualifying course, the training organization also administers the examination.

### **Are there self-study materials?**

Yes, a set of self-study materials is available. See document B132 in The Open Group publications catalog.

**What do the exams cover?**

See the conformance requirements document for detailed information.

**What allowances are made for non-native English speakers?**

Candidates taking the examination in a language other than their first are allowed to use a dictionary. For examinations provided as part of an Accredited Training Course, Candidates may request additional time for the examination. Permission for extra time is granted at the sole discretion of the examination supervisor. For examinations provided at a Prometric test center in countries where English is a second language, the extended time is set as the default for the examination in that country.

**Are the exams available in different languages?**

Initially, the exams are available only in English worldwide. In time and according to market demand, we plan to provide translated versions of the exams.