The Open Group Certification for People: ArchiMate® Certification Program Summary for ArchiMate 3

Our objective is to make certification available to individuals who have knowledge and understanding of the ArchiMate modeling language, and the capability to use the ArchiMate language for modeling.

The Program is not intended to validate the ability of Candidates to use the ArchiMate language effectively in practice, nor to determine whether Candidates are competent IT or Enterprise Architects.

Vision and Principles

Our vision of the Program is to define and promote a market-driven education and certification program to support the ArchiMate modeling language.

The Program is designed with the following principles:

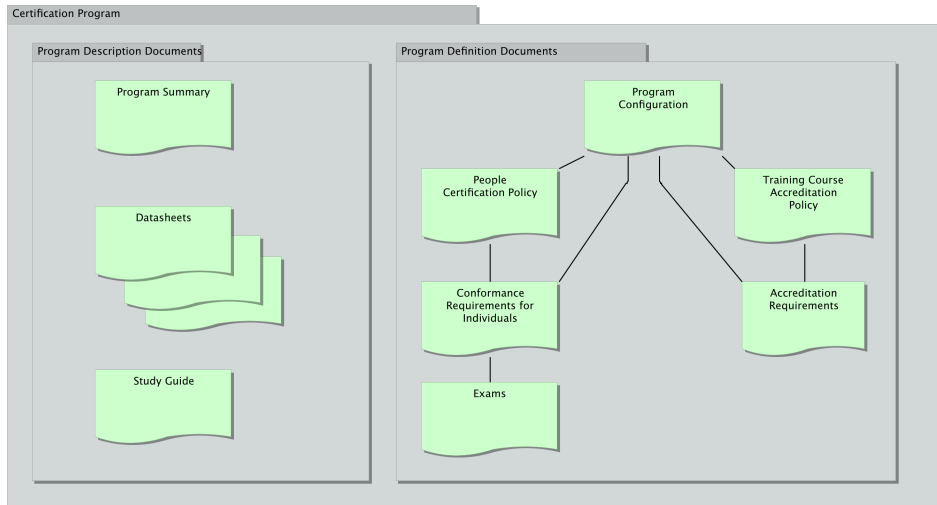|	
Openness	The Program is open to applicants from all countries, although materials and examinations will initially be available only in English.
Fairness	Certification is achieved only by passing an examination that is equivalent to that taken by any other Candidate.
Market Relevance	The Program is structured to meet the perceived needs of the market. There are two certification levels. Additional levels may be introduced during the life of the Program, as may updated versions of the ArchiMate Specification.
Learning Support	Training courses are provided by third parties, according to the needs of the market.
Quality	Training course providers may choose to seek Open Group accreditation for their courses. Accredited Training Courses (ATCs) are listed on The Open Group website. Only ATCs may use The Open Group Accreditation Logo and include the ArchiMate examinations within the course.
Best Practice	The Program is designed to follow industry best practice for equivalent certification programs.

Approach

There are two levels of certification, denoted Level 1 and Level 2. Level 2 is a superset of Level 1 as it contains all the learning requirements for Level 1.

Certification to Level 1 is known as *ArchiMate 3 Foundation*. Certification to Level 2 is known as *ArchiMate 3 Practitioner*.
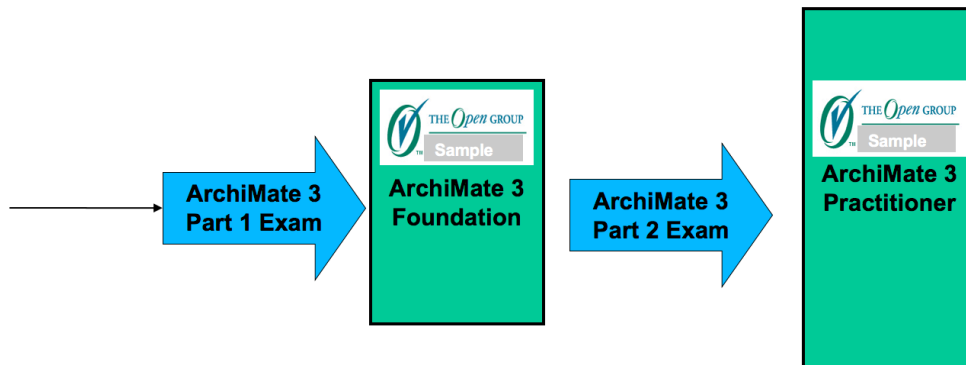
Document Structure

The documents available to support the Program are as shown in the following diagram:

Program description documents are intended for an end-user audience including those interested in becoming certified. The Program definition documents are intended for trainers, examination developers, and the Certification Authority.

The path to certification is shown in the following diagram:

The path to certification is a stepwise path with two levels.