

# The Open Group<sup>®</sup> Certification for People

# Open Agile Architecture™ Program Configuration

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#### 1. Overview

The Open Group® Certification for People: Open Agile Architecture™ 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: Open Agile Architecture TM Practitioner Conformance Requirements, which documents 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.
- 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.

The documents listed above 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 Body of Knowledge for the Program is:

Body of Knowledge Identifier	Meaning for the Purposes of this Program
O-AA™ Standard	Open Agile Architecture™, The Open Group Standard, published by The Open Group, September 2020, Document No. C208
Playbook	O-AA <sup>TM</sup> Security Playbook, The Open Group Guide, published by The Open Group, March 2021, Document No. G216

#### 2.2 Available Certifications

#### 2.2.1 Certification Levels

The certifications available in the Program are documented in the following table.

Name of Level	Description
Open Agile Architecture <sup>TM</sup> Practitioner	An understanding of Agile Architecture in an outcome-based, team-led, and product-centric organization having acquired knowledge and understanding of how to apply Open Agile Architecture techniques and best practices covering both Digital Transformation and Agile Transformation of the enterprise.  Certified individuals will have the following takeaways:  A common language with Enterprise Architects and Agilists  An understanding of the importance of architecture when deploying Agile at scale  An ability to apply best practices and techniques for architecting with agility

#### 2.2.2 Conformance Requirements

The requirements for certification at each level are documented in the following table.

Name of Level	Associated Conformance Requirements
Open Agile Architecture <sup>TM</sup> Practitioner	The Open Group Certification for People: Open Agile Architecture <sup>TM</sup> Practitioner Conformance Requirements, published by The Open Group, August 2021, Document No. X217

#### 2.2.3 Open Agile Architecture Practitioner

Purpose	Target Audience
The purpose of certification for the Open Agile Architecture Practitioner is to demonstrate that the individual possesses knowledge and understanding of how to apply Open Agile Architecture techniques and best practices covering both Digital Transformation and Agile Transformation of the enterprise.  The learning objectives at this level focus on application and analysis in addition to knowledge and comprehension.	The target audience for this certification includes, but is not limited to:  • Agilists and business managers who need to understand the importance of architecture when shifting toward an Agile at scale model, and who want to learn architecture skills  • Digital Architects working in outcome-based, team-led, and product-centric organizations  • Enterprise Architects, Solution Architects, Security Architects, and Software Architects who want to stay relevant in an Agile at scale world and who need to learn new architecture skills for the digital age

#### 2.2.4 Certification Mark

The Open Group Certification for People: Open Agile Architecture™ 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:

Label for Level of Certification	Label for Body of Knowledge
Open Agile Architecture <sup>TM</sup> Practitioner	O-AA <sup>TM</sup>

# 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 Agile Architecture Governing Board Work Group

## 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 Accredited Training Course <sup>1</sup>	Open Agile Architecture Practitioner
Label/tag line to be used with The Open Group Accreditation Logo for courses accredited in this Program	Open Agile Architecture Practitioner

## 2.6 Migration

As this is a new program, there is no migration policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See also https://www.opengroup.org/certifications/accreditation/authorized-trainers.