

TOGAF™ 7 Certification

What is it?

Customers who wish to base their IT architecture work on the open, industry standard TOGAF 7 method can procure tools, training, and the services of consultants (individuals and integrators) on the basis of certified conformance with TOGAF 7 standards.

Why is this important?

TOGAF 7 is an open, industry standard framework and method for IT architecture, developed and continuously evolved since the mid-90s by representatives of some of the world's leading IT customer and vendor organizations. The Certification Program for TOGAF 7 enables large organizations (both private and public sector) to standardize on this open method for IT architecture, and so avoid lock-in to the proprietary methods of major consultancies. It is an important step in making IT architecture a well-recognized discipline, and in introducing rigor into the procurement of tools and services for IT architecture.

TOGAF 7 Product Standards

The precise definition of the Conformance Requirements for TOGAF 7 certification is contained in the relevant Product Standards:

X02TA Architecture: TOGAF 7 Certified

X02TB Architecture: TOGAF 7 Tool Support

X02TC Architecture: TOGAF 7 Professional Services

X02TD Architecture: TOGAF 7 Training

The following documents are referenced from the Product Standards:

I913 TOGAF 7 Professional Services Code of Practice

I914 TOGAF 7 Core Definition

These can be obtained from the web site at www.opengroup.org/togaf/cert.



Certification

With certification, TOGAF is now more than ever the logical choice as the basis for an organization's IT architecture work.

Certification from The Open Group provides customers with assurance that products and services conform to open standards. This assurance enables market growth, and benefits customers and vendors alike.

In the architecture field, The Open Group has defined a number of Certification Programs in support of The Open Group Architecture Framework, Version 7 (TOGAF 7).

In order to protect the value of TOGAF by ensuring its consistent application and usage, The Open Group has introduced Certification Programs for the following offerings:

TOGAF 7 Certified

Architects trained in the use of TOGAF 7, to ensure that a common core of knowledge and understanding is transmitted in such courses, and that professional services offered in support of TOGAF 7 are delivered by architects who have completed the necessary training course and have up-to-date knowledge about TOGAF 7.

TOGAF 7 Tool Support

Architecture tools which support TOGAF 7, to ensure that the meaning of a claim of conformance with TOGAF 7 is clear and that the TOGAF 7 Architecture Development Method (ADM) is supported consistently in different architecture tools.

TOGAF 7 Training

Training courses which instruct in TOGAF 7, to ensure that the course syllabus includes coverage of the necessary elements of TOGAF 7 and its ADM.

TOGAF 7 Professional Services

Professional services offered in support of TOGAF 7, to ensure that organizations that offer such services abide by an approved code of practice, and use only properly trained architects for such services.

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Why become certified?

The TOGAF 7 Certification Program licenses the use of the term “TOGAF 7” together with The Open Group Certification Mark in association with certified offerings. This provides the necessary legal framework to maintain the value of TOGAF to enterprise customers.

The value of certification to potential licensees is the ability to use the term “TOGAF 7” in association with products and/or services that support the TOGAF 7 framework and its ADM. In addition, The Open Group publishes and publicizes the definitive register of TOGAF 7 certified offerings, and issues certificates that can be used by the vendor in promotion.

The value of certification to the customers of potential licensees is the knowledge that the vendor has made a legally binding warranty of conformance with the Product Standards referenced in the Program – a warranty that requires compliance not only at the time of registration, but throughout the lifetime of the product or service offering, for as long as it remains registered. Customers can therefore procure such product and service offerings safe in the knowledge that the vendors have taken a professional and commercially responsible approach to the supply of these offerings to the market, and have completed a detailed Statement of Conformance, which the procurer can access freely and compare with those of other certified vendors if they so wish.

The costs

The fees for TOGAF 7 certification depend on the class and method of certification. The fee schedule is explained at: www.opengroup.org/togaf/cert.

How to apply

At www.opengroup.org/togaf/cert you will find a brief Guide for IT Architecture Practitioners who want to become certified, or to submit training courses or services for certification within the TOGAF 7 Certification Program. This Guide includes a step-by-step description of the application process.

About The Open Group

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