



## Upgrading to TOGAF® 9.2 - Tips for Students

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Are you already be certified for TOGAF® 9.1 and thinking about upgrading to the new version? Or maybe you are training to become certified in TOGAF® 9.2 and you are bit confused about the impact the new version might have on your studies? Read on...

This article will give you a few tips and some advice about preparing to become certified in the latest release of TOGAF®. (Note that a second blog will provide tips for practitioners switching to version 9.2).

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The changes between TOGAF version 9.1 and 9.2 may not seem massively significant. But in many ways, I find these differences more difficult to grasp than the really big changes! And that's what I'm hearing when I talk to practitioners and students alike about the new release of TOGAF.

First the simple bit... If you are already 9.1 Certified but want to show that you understand the changes in version 9.2, then you might want to get the TOGAF® Essentials 2018 credential. It's purpose is to show that you have an understanding of the changes introduced to the TOGAF Body of Knowledge in 2018, and it is aimed at those who want to upgrade their TOGAF 9 Certification. (It can also be taken by trainers who are delivering courses on TOGAF 9.2). It requires around 3 hours of training, followed by a 20 question (30 minutes) multiple choice exam.

### Now for my top 10 tips on how to switch from 9.1 to 9.2:

- 1| You might find it useful to think of TOGAF itself as an enterprise architecture, and the transition between versions as a change from the current to a target state. 9.1 was a monolithic architecture with a 7-part structure; switching to 9.2 is the first step in the evolution of TOGAF towards a more agile and modular arrangement. The more you can imagine the various component parts of TOGAF as elements in an

integrated Body of Knowledge, the easier it is to understand the latest changes.

- 2| In 9.1 it was relatively easy to understand the structure of the document – simply by looking at the diagram which I call the sandwich diagram (because the document parts were sandwiched between business vision and drivers and business capabilities). In 9.2 the big picture is now the TOGAF library, with the TOGAF standard - and the new version of the sandwich diagram - as the central chunk.
- 3| Spend a bit of time to understand which components have been restructured, and where they've been moved to.
- 4| The idea behind the Enterprise Continuum has taken on a new significance, as it is now one of the two dimensions of the TOGAF library. Spend some time to grasp this important concept and its role in enterprise architecture.
- 5| Become familiar with the distinction between the standard (i.e. TOGAF 9.2), TOGAF® Series Guides, Guides, and White Papers.
- 6| Resources in the TOGAF library show how to use TOGAF in different contexts. Be comfortable with how The Open Group use the notion of architectural style – a combination of distinctive features related to a specific architectural context.
- 7| It is useful to think about the degree to which each document in the TOGAF library is coupled to the TOGAF standard – ranging from dependent (tightly coupled), through supporting, to EA general.
- 8| You will need to be familiar with these documents in the TOGAF Library: Business Scenarios; Value Streams; Business Capabilities; Integrating Risk and Security within a TOGAF Enterprise

Architecture; Using the TOGAF Framework (sic) to Define and Govern Service-Oriented Architecture; The TOGAF Leaders Guide to Establishing and Evolving an EA Capability; A Practitioners Approach to Developing Enterprise Architecture Following the TOGAF ADM; The TOGAF Integrated Information Infrastructure Reference Model; and The TOGAF Technical Reference Model. Note that some of these are relocated from the monolithic 9.1 documentation.

- 9| Thoroughly revise the Business Architecture content, which has some additional steps in the ADM, new artifacts, and new or changed definitions.
- 10| Get to know the changes in the Content Framework and Metamodel.

This is not an exhaustive list of changes between the two versions!!! These ten tips are in an order that I think is the best approach to make sense of the changes. In conjunction with the TOGAF® Essentials credential you should have a good understanding of the new release.

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