



**The IMS BAUHAUS® Preparation Course**  
 Specialist Engineer for Membrane Structures  
 of the Chamber of Engineers Saxony-Anhalt



## FAQ

<p>What is the specialist engineer for membrane structures?</p>	<p>The "Specialist Engineer" is a professional title recognised in Germany, which also enjoys a very high reputation abroad.</p> <p>The "Specialist Engineer Membrane Structures" has to provide evidence of special theoretical knowledge and practical experience in the field in accordance with the Regulations for Specialist Engineers of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers (<i>Regulations for Specialist Engineers of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers</i> <a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-02</a>). These must considerably exceed what is imparted through professional training.</p> <p>Thus, the "Specialist Engineer Membrane Structures" is an additional qualification for engineers, which stands for above-average quality in the practice of the profession.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>The IMS Specialist Engineer Membrane Structures of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers is unique in the world.</p>
<p>How do I become a specialist engineer for membrane structures (initial application)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for permission to use the professional title "engineer", to be submitted to the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers (<i>Application for Professional Title Engineer</i> <a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-15/16</a>). According to the <i>Saxony-Anhalt Engineering Act</i> (<a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-01</a>), this requires, among other things, sufficient language skills (German, if necessary also English) for practising the profession as well as the intention to practise the profession in Saxony-Anhalt to be confirmed by the aspirant to the professional engineer.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Approval of special theoretical knowledge and practical experience in the field of membrane structures after examination of the submitted evidence by the <a href="#">IMS Bauhaus® Archineer® Institutes e.V.</a><sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Proof (certificate) of participation in the <a href="#">IMS Basic Course</a> or a course of at least equal value at another educational institution. The examination of the equivalence of courses is carried out by the <a href="#">IMS Bauhaus® Archineer® Institutes e.V.</a> upon application and examination of the evidence/certificates of the respective educational institution.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Participation in the preparation course (PC) to become a specialist engineer in membrane structures of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers, to be completed at the <a href="#">IMS Bauhaus® Archineer® Institutes e.V.</a>, as well as participation in and passing of the relevant final examination.</li> <li>• Application for membership in the <i>Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers</i> (<a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-03</a>) and for entry in the <i>list of specialist engineers</i> (<a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-14</a>) in the field of membrane structures of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<p>How long does it take before I can call myself a specialist engineer membrane structures?</p>	<p>For the steps described above, from applying for permission to use the professional title "engineer" to registration in the list of specialist engineers in the field of membrane construction at the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers, you should calculate about 12 months. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in the <a href="#">IMS BAUHAUS® Basic Course Archineer® in Membrane Structures</a> (6 months)</li> <li>• Participation in the IMS BAUHAUS® Preparation Course incl. final examination (3 months)</li> <li>• Examination of the application and evidence at the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers</li> </ul> <p>If individual certificates are already available, for example the permit to use the professional title of engineer or the IMS basic course or an equivalent course or study, the procedure may be shortened accordingly.</p>
<p>What requirements do I have to fulfil to participate in the IMS Basic Course?</p>	<p>There are no prerequisites to participate in the IMS BAUHAUS® Basic Course. You only need to register and pay the participation fee in time<sup>2</sup></p>



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<p>What requirements do I have to fulfil in order to participate in the IMS Preparation Course (PC)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof (certificate) of successful participation in the IMS BAUHAUS® Basic Course or at least an equivalent course/study at another educational institution.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Registration and timely payment of the participation fee.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p>What requirements do I have to fulfil in order to participate in an IMS BAUHAUS® Advanced training courses (AC)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no prerequisites to participate in the various IMS BAUHAUS® Advanced training courses. You only need to register and pay the IMS participation fee in time.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p>How long can I use the professional title Specialist Engineer in Membrane Structures?</p>	<p>The validity is 5 years in each case. This results from the <i>Regulations for specialist engineers of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers</i> (<a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-02</a>).</p>
<p>What do I have to do if I want to extend the registration afterwards?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I must have completed a sufficient number of Advanced training Courses (AC) in the specialist field of membrane structures during the 5 years. These can be selected from the planned Advanced training Courses (AC) offered by the IMS.</li> <li>• I must apply for the extension at the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers in a timely manner beforehand.</li> </ul> <p>The requirements, in particular the type and number of further training courses as well as the deadline for extension, can be found in the <i>Regulations for specialist engineers of the Chamber of Engineers of Saxony-Anhalt</i> (<a href="#">deu/eng-Doc-02</a>).</p>
<p>What module content does the IMS BAUHAUS® Basic Course offer?</p>	<p>See current programme of the <a href="#">IMS Bauhaus® Archineer® Institutes e.V.</a></p>
<p>What module content does the IMS BAUHAUS® Preparation Course (PC) offer?</p>	<p>Currently, the Preparation Course (PC) includes the following four modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structural Design II</li> <li>• Membrane Materials II</li> <li>• Structural Engineering I</li> <li>• Construction management II</li> </ul> <p>It is advisable to always check the current programme, as the programme will be adjusted if necessary.</p>
<p>What does the IMS final exam involve?</p>	<p>Die Abschlussprüfung ist in zwei Teile geteilt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Exam: The final exam includes questions from different areas of membrane construction. These are in particular questions that were covered in the IMS basic course and the IMS preparatory course, but not exclusively.</li> <li>• Thesis: A written assignment on a topic of the student's choice (agreed with the lecturers) is to be prepared and submitted for examination (time frame 1 month).</li> </ul> <p>In addition to examining and assessing the evidence submitted by the engineer, the final examination is intended to confirm the particular theoretical knowledge and practical experience in the field.</p>
<p>How to prepare for the final exam?</p>	<p>It is recommended to have a look at the lecture manuscripts from the IMS BAUHAUS® Basic Course and Preparation Course again and to have the contents ready in your mind.</p>
<p>What module contents do the IMS Advanced training Courses offer?</p>	<p>We are currently working on the programme and will make the contents available as soon as possible.</p>

<p>What do the IMS courses cost?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMS BAUHAUS® Basic Course (BC): <a href="#">Participation Fee</a></li> <li>• IMS BAUHAUS® Preparation Course (PC): <a href="#">Participation Fee</a></li> <li>• IMS Advanced training Courses (AC) in membrane structures (fees will be published asap)</li> </ul>
<p>What does the examination (and assessment) of submitted evidence cost?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMS examination of certificates/certificates/curricula of other educational institutions to prove equivalence with the IMS Basic Course: <a href="#">Processing fee</a> <sup>2</sup></li> <li>• IMS examination and assessment of submitted evidence to confirm special theoretical knowledge and practical experience in membrane structures: <a href="#">Processing fee</a> <sup>2</sup></li> <li>• IMS examination and assessment of submitted evidence to confirm sufficient further education and Advanced training Courses (AC) in membrane structures: <a href="#">Processing fee</a> <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p>Are there other fees for the specialist engineer in membrane structures besides the IMS participation fees?</p>	<p>Zur Eintragung als Fachingenieur:in Membranbau sind Mitgliedsbeiträge und Gebühren für die jeweiligen Leistungen an die Ingenieurkammer Sachsen-Anhalt zu entrichten. Diese ergeben sich aus der jeweils aktuellen <a href="#">Gebühren- und Auslagenordnung der Ingenieurkammer Sachsen-Anhalt</a>:</p> <p>For registration as a specialist engineer membrane structures, membership fees and fees for the respective services are to be paid to the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers. These can be found in the current <i>schedule of fees and expenses of the Saxony-Anhalt Chamber of Engineers</i> (<a href="#">deu /eng-Doc-20</a>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual membership fee of the Chamber of Engineers Saxony-Anhalt</li> <li>• Fee for the examination and granting of permission to use the professional title "engineer" by the Chamber of Engineers of Saxony-Anhalt</li> <li>• Fee for registration in the list of specialist engineers for membrane construction of the Chamber of Engineers of Saxony-Anhalt</li> <li>• Other optional services ...</li> </ul>
<p>When will the next IMS preparation course for the specialist engineer take place?</p>	<p>See current programme of the <a href="#">IMS Bauhaus® Archineer® Institut e.V.</a></p>



<sup>1</sup> Approval can be granted upon application as well as by paying a fee for the examination of the documents at the Chamber of Engineers Saxony-Anhalt ([deu /eng-Doc-20](#))

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