

International IMDS Certification

IMDS Expert (cert.) IMDS Officer (cert.)



IMDS users need to deal with ever more complex tasks when using the system to meet their materials compliance obligations. These include dealing with the constant stream of new or amended regulations, additional laws, bans on substances as well as changes to the IMDS system itself. The requirements from automotive manufacturers (OEMs) themselves have also become more demanding and need to be factored in throughout the entire supply chain.

Expert knowledge and specialist skills are needed to implement these requirements internally and when working with customers and suppliers. *imds professional* has therefore developed specific **IMDS Expert** and **IMDS Officer** role descriptions (see information box on right) in line with the clearly defined job requirements that have become the norm across the automotive industry.

In doing so, *imds professional* has defined a standard to encompass the widely varied tasks and responsibilities associated with the IMDS system. To help you perform these roles effectively and provide reliable evidence of relevant qualifications, *imds professional* has developed certification courses in partnership with DXC Technology, the IMDS Steering Committee, and representatives from Tier 1 suppliers.

IMDS roles:

IMDS Expert and IMDS Officer

We worked with highly experienced IMDS professionals from automotive suppliers to define responsibilities and areas of expertise. These were then used to establish eligibility criteria and adjusted to match OEM requirements. The role descriptions apply worldwide without much distinction. Download the descriptions here:

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Certification...

- ✓ is issued to you individually by *imds professional* and is endorsed by DXC Technology and the IMDS Steering Committee governed by the OEMs
- ✓ is proof of your qualification that is recognized and valid worldwide
- ✓ provides proof of expertise and is recognized by OEMs and external suppliers as standard. It assures internal stakeholders, customers, and suppliers that your IMDS data is of the highest quality
- ✓ certifies the IMDS expertise you have acquired

Benefits of certification:

- ✓ Internationally recognized qualification
- ✓ You will gain knowledge and skills to help you perform the role of IMDS Expert or IMDS Officer effectively
- ✓ Ensures high data quality across the supply chain
- ✓ Companies whose staff are certified can demonstrate that their IMDS entries and processes conform to a globally recognized standard of quality
- ✓ Ensures compliance with OEM data quality requirements

IMDS Expert (cert.)

As IMDS Expert, you have the necessary skills to perform the role of “IMDS Processor” in your company and manage IMDS projects independently.

You have all the expertise you need at your fingertips to swiftly implement IMDS projects in close partnership with your customers and suppliers. You are an expert when it comes to creating, analyzing, and reviewing parts lists and data from drawings. As IMDS Expert, you're able to create, check and send material data sheets efficiently. In addition, you can be relied on to take into account OEM requirements, IMDS guidelines, the ELV Directive, GADSL, the REACH Regulation, and the RoHS Directive.

Statements you make concerning the material compliance of your products are accurate and reliable. You know where to find or how to ask for additional information if you are in doubt. And that's not all: as IMDS Expert, you fully understand how to use the IMDS Chemistry Manager and can provide information about REACH and biocides in the supply chain when needed. You know how to comply with IMDS Change Management instructions from the IMDS Steering Committee and can deliver accurate IMDS reporting.

The IMDS Expert certification course is held over three days with a final exam on the last day. Practical experience in using the IMDS system is a prerequisite for this course. For further details, visit www.imds-professional.com

Course schedule

The courses consist of units that build on knowledge acquired in each previous unit. You must pass the final *IMDS Expert* examination before you can register for the *IMDS Officer* course. To view the course description, visit www.imds-professional.com

IMDS Officer (cert.)

As IMDS Officer, you manage and are responsible for IMDS processes in your company. You have all the skills required to assume a senior specialist IMDS role.

As IMDS Officer, you define and design an optimum workflow for IMDS. You determine and maintain your company's organizational structure in the IMDS. You organize and monitor IMDS tasks undertaken by your team, and you are your company's official point of contact for IMDS, REACH, conflict minerals, etc. You also work closely with those responsible for compliance and CSR.

In your role as IMDS Officer, you support other departments such as standardization, purchasing, development, and management to ensure materials compliance and reporting are correctly handled in the IMDS system. You are responsible for ensuring data provided to and received from suppliers and customers is of a high quality. When discussing IMDS investment requirements, you represent the interests of your company, find the best solutions, and ensure decisions are based on facts.

As IMDS Officer, you set standard criteria for rejecting and accepting IMDS data and for approving entries you have carried out yourself. You conduct supplier data quality appraisals and oversee the sampling process on the IMDS side.

You are completely familiar with legislation, rules, key directives, and regulations that are relevant to the IMDS. You ensure change management policies from the IMDS Steering Committee are implemented effectively. Furthermore, as IMDS Officer, you are familiar with additional tools and systems, such as CDX, CMD Manager, CAMDS, and the OEM test systems, to ensure materials reporting is carried out as efficiently as possible.

The IMDS Officer certification course is held over two days with a final exam on the second day. You must complete the IMDS Expert certification course before you can start this course. For further details, visit www.imds-professional.com

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imds professional has established itself as a leading global provider of IDMS services since the International Material Data System was introduced in 1999. Our consulting, training, and support services relating to all aspects of the IMDS system and compliance requirements are endorsed by DXC Technology.

imds professional works closely and is in continuous dialogue with the IMDS developers at DXC. This ensures we always know the latest information about the IMDS and CDX systems and IMDS Advanced Solutions.

An international presence and a wealth of experience

Our services:

- Consulting on all requirements concerning materials compliance
- Setting up and optimizing your workflows to ensure materials compliance
- Support every step of the way with DXC during mergers and restructuring processes
- In-person and online training courses, workshops, in-house training on all topics relating to materials compliance
- All support services relating to materials compliance (IMDS, CAMDS, CDX, REACH, SCIP database, RoHS, biocides, conflict minerals, etc.)



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