

## Press Release

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### Number of certified Passive House tradespersons hits thousand mark

#### Course providers deliver the right practical skills internationally

*Darmstadt, Germany.* More and more tradespersons are equipping themselves for the future as the number of certified experts for energy-efficient Passive House construction reaches the thousand mark. This spring alone, more than 200 specialists in 12 countries have taken the [Passive House Tradesperson](#) examination. The seal, issued by the Passive House Institute, is increasingly establishing itself as independent proof of competence in the areas of building envelope and building services. The most important site-specific Passive House principles will also be a theme at the [19th International Passive House Conference](#) in Leipzig.

"Today, trades with specialised knowledge in the field of energy efficiency are in demand more than ever", says Christine Weber, who coordinates the training programme at the Passive House Institute in Darmstadt. Proof of this special expertise is playing an increasingly important role in the contract award process. The training courses of the Passive House Institute are conducted by accredited course providers in many different countries and the examination can also be taken locally.



Proof of competence in the construction of Passive Houses: the internationally established seal from the Passive House Institute.

Targeted skills and knowledge relating to Passive House construction creates the prerequisites for a high standard of quality. This ultimately benefits everyone involved in construction. "It is the tradespeople themselves who profit most from the growing popularity of the Passive House Standard", says Professor Dr. Wolfgang Feist, Director of the Passive House Institute. "The energy savings achieved lead to a lower demand for fossil fuels, which are often primarily imported from abroad. In contrast, the extra investment contributes to the regional economy, that is, it results in a higher demand for local skilled trades and high quality building components."

Now exceeding a thousand in number, Certified Passive House Tradespersons aren't only spread throughout Europe; qualified specialists are also found in North America, Asia and Australia. An overview of the international certificate holders and course providers is available online at [www.passivehouse-trades.org](http://www.passivehouse-trades.org).

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