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CIA is the Gold Standard

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The Institute of Internal Auditors
Elevating Impact

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1974-2024
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"My CIA is the gold standard and premier designation which sets me apart in my profession and provides the stamp of quality, high standards, and professionalism."

Rita Purdeen-Nandlal
CIA, CRMA, FCCA, CISA

CIA since 2005

CERTIFIED Internal Auditor

CIA® is the only globally recognized certification for internal auditors

Certified Internal Auditors by region.

21,811
EUROPE

61,063
NORTH AMERICA

5,809
MIDDLE EAST

5,033
INTERNATIONAL

99,381
ASIA PACIFIC

5,336
AFRICA

2,060
CENTRAL /
SOUTH
AMERICA

JOIN *the World Leader*

CIA Global Footprint

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), established in 1941, is the internal audit profession's globally recognized advocate, educator, standard setter, and certifying body. **The Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®)** designation, offered by The IIA since 1974, is the only globally recognized certification for internal auditors.

Totals as of 30 June 2024. Individuals with no country affiliation: 5,033

Globally Recognized and Relevant

Earning your CIA means you can confidently perform any audit, for anyone, anywhere around the world.

200,000+
Certified Internal Auditor Designations

900+
Testing Centers

160+
Countries

14
Languages in Which the CIA Exam Is Available

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"My CIA sets me apart from my peers and shows that I can make a positive difference in this profession."

Michael Chan, CIA, CPA

CIA since 2021

What Is a
Certified Internal Auditor?

Certified Fact:

As the only globally recognized certification for internal auditors, the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation proves that you:

- Possess current knowledge of The IIA's Global Internal Audit Standards™ and demonstrate appropriate use.

- Are able to perform an audit engagement in conformance with the Global Internal Audit Standards.

- Understand organizational governance and can apply tools and techniques to evaluate risks and controls.

- Can apply the business, IT, and management acumen needed for internal auditing.

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"My CIA proves that I am knowledgeable about the internal audit profession and can perform a quality internal audit anywhere in the world, in accordance with The IIA's global Standards."

Anishka Collie, CIA

CIA since 2021

Why Become **Certified?**
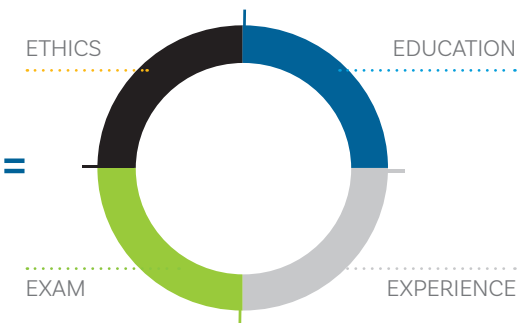
In the Simplest Terms...

Internal auditors seek the Certified Internal Auditor certification to:

· Enhance credibility and respect.

· Sharpen skills and proficiencies.

· Increase advancement and earning potential.

· Demonstrate understanding and commitment.

Do you...
have what it takes to be a CIA?

Eligibility =

ETHICS   EDUCATION

EXAM   EXPERIENCE

If you do, you are an ideal candidate for the CIA.

Proven Value

$94%

Believe CIA adds value*

$70%

CAEs prefer to hire CIAs**

* According to a recent IIA survey of audit leaders, 94% value the CIA over CPA/CA, CISA and CFE.

** According to The IIA's 2018 North American Pulse of Internal Audit Survey, 84% believe the CIA brings value to their internal audit work, and 70% of chief audit executives (CAEs) say they prefer to hire candidates with their CIA designation.

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"The CIA demonstrates my expertise and commitment to the profession as well as enhances my professional credibility and sets me apart."

Rebecca Nilson
CIA, CRMA, CPA

CIA since 2012

Three-part **CIA Exam**

What can you expect from the CIA exam?

The CIA exam features balanced content among three exam parts, aligns with The IIA's Global Internal Audit Standards and reflects the current global practice of internal auditing.
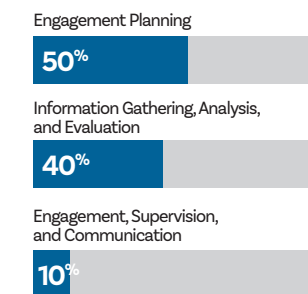
Topics by Exam Part

Part 1
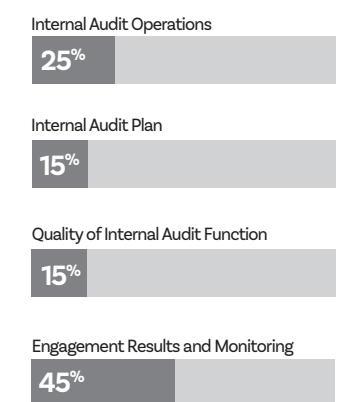*Internal Audit Fundamentals*
125 QUESTIONS / 150 MINUTES

Foundations of Internal Auditing
35%

Ethics and Professionalism
20%

Governance, Risk Management, and Control
30%

Fraud Risks
15%

Part 2
Internal Audit Engagement
100 QUESTIONS / 120 MINUTES

Engagement Planning
50%

Information Gathering, Analysis, and Evaluation
40%

Engagement, Supervision, and Communication
10%

Part 3
Internal Audit Function
100 QUESTIONS / 120 MINUTES

Internal Audit Operations
25%

Internal Audit Plan
15%

Quality of Internal Audit Function
15%

Engagement Results and Monitoring
45%

Certification Process

Eligibility Requirements

ENTRY REQUIREMENT	PASS EXAM	BECOME CERTIFIED
Master's Degree (or equivalent)	Eligible to apply for the CIA. Can sit for exam (prior to obtaining the requisite work experience). Must pass all three exam parts before becoming certified.	1 year of internal audit experience (or equivalent).
Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent)	Eligible to apply for the CIA. Can sit for exam (prior to obtaining the requisite work experience). Must pass all three exam parts before becoming certified.	2 years of internal audit experience (or equivalent).
Active Internal Audit Practitioner Designation Holder	Eligible to apply for the CIA. Can sit for exam (prior to obtaining the requisite work experience). Must pass all three exam parts before becoming certified.	5 years of internal audit experience (or equivalent).
5 Years of Internal Audit Experience (or equivalent)	Eligible to apply for the CIA. Can sit for exam. Must pass all three exam parts before becoming certified.	No additional experience required.

To be eligible for the CIA program, candidates must meet entry requirements and possess government-issued photo ID. To obtain certification, candidates must pass all three parts of the exam and provide verification of professional experience.

Visit **theiia.org/CIA** for detailed eligibility requirements.

Steps to Certification

Once a profile is created in the Certification Candidate Management System (CCMS), there are three primary steps candidates must take to become certified.

01 APPLY
Complete all application requirements. Submit all documentation within 90 days of receipt of payment. Receive program approval.

02 REGISTER AND TEST
Prepare and pass all three exam parts. Complete exam process within three years.

03 BECOME CERTIFIED
Verify experience based on education level and get certified.

Find out if you're eligible by entering all your information into CCMS.
Visit **theiia.org/CCMS** for all profile requirements.

READY, SET, PREP!

IIA CIA Practice Questions enable you to practice skills and knowledge with retired questions from CIA exams. These practice questions offer rationales for both correct and incorrect responses and build confidence through a computer-based exam simulation. Take the next step towards your CIA certification with CIA Practice Questions!

CIA *Growth Trend*

More than 200,000 CIA designations have been awarded to internal auditors with diverse professional backgrounds from more than 160 countries, working in a variety of industries.

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1974	1990	2000	2010	2017	2021	2024
8,037	17,276	32,143	98,552	149,148	178,512	200,000+

And Growing

CIAs add value across all industries

Finance and Insurance

Manufacturing

Public Administration

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services

Information Technology

Utilities

Educational Services

Health Care and Social Assistance

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction

Other – from Retail and Wholesale Trade to Real Estate and Construction

"My CIA demonstrates my professional credibility, competence, and understanding of internal auditing and my commitment to ongoing professional development."

Karen Harreld, CIA

CIA since 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

Has the CIA exam changed recently?

IIA Certifications has published updated CIA syllabi that align with the new Standards. The updated CIA exams will be released starting in 2025.

The topic areas on each CIA exam syllabus will be updated to:

- Bring the exams up to date with the current global practice of internal auditing.
- Create greater alignment between the CIA syllabi and The IIA's new Global Internal Audit Standards.
- Minimize duplication and overlap among the three exam parts.
- Clarify the knowledge, skills, and abilities that exam candidates must possess in order to pass the exam.

Where do I find details about the exam?

We encourage you to visit the CIA home page (theiia.org/CIA) to read more about the three parts of the exam in detail.

How long does it take to complete all three exam parts?

Candidates have up to three years from the date of application approval to complete the program. On average, candidates complete the program in less than two-and-a-half years.

How much time should I expect to study for the CIA exams?

Depending on education, experience, expertise in accounting and IT, as well as study method and reading comprehension, you should expect to invest around 130 hours of study time (Part 1 - 40 hours; Part 2 - 40 hours; Part 3 - 50 hours).

What is the right order to take each exam part?

There is no wrong or right order. Candidates can take the exam parts in the order they wish.

When and where can I take the exam?

Year-round at more than 937 Pearson VUE test centers in over 153 countries worldwide.

What is the passing score?

Each exam question that contributes to your score has been pretested to ensure statistical validity. Your raw score is calculated based on the number of questions answered correctly and is converted to a reporting scale ranging from 250 to 750 points. A score of 600 or higher is required to pass a CIA exam part. Find pass rates for each CIA exam part at theiia.org/PassRates.

When do I receive my score?

Candidates receive an informal score report upon completion of the exam at the test center. The score is not final until validated by The IIA. You will be notified by email when your official score is available. This is typically within 24 to 48 hours after you complete your exam.

What is the Certification Candidate Management System (CCMS)?

The IIA's CCMS is a self-service tool that allows candidates to apply, register, and monitor their CIA status, as well as communicate with the Certifications Support Team, order proof of CIA certification for displaying, framing, or verification, and report continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

What does the program cost?

Pricing varies around the globe and is different for IIA members, nonmembers, and students. Refer to the Certification Eligibility and Pricing web page at theiia.org/CIA.

How do I maintain my certification?

Report annual certification renewal through your CCMS portal by Dec. 31 each year.

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Raghav Bhatia
CIA, CRMA, CISA, CFE

CIA since 2021

CERTIFY Your Team

Success is measured by the impact they make.

Ensuring each member of your team earns a professional credential is essential to being distinguished from peers and achieving career development aspirations — yours and theirs. Whatever the measure, there's an IIA credential that can certify success.

Prove their credibility and proficiency.
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