



Earn the Only
**GLOBALY
RECOGNIZED**

Certification for Internal Audit.

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Join the 220,000+ internal auditors worldwide.
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"**CIA** is respected globally – it gives weight to discussions with boards."

Gontle Khupe, CIA Candidate
President, IIA – Botswana

70%

of professionals say CIA
is the gold standard
for internal audit.

Certified Internal Auditor®

CIA® is the only globally recognized certification for internal auditors

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Certified Internal Auditors by region.

64,540
NORTH AMERICA

24,146
EUROPE

7,572
MIDDLE EAST

6,463
AFRICA

2,611
CENTRAL/SOUTH
AMERICA

Perform Any Audit, Anywhere in the World.

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.

110,158
ASIA PACIFIC

Globally Recognized and Relevant

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

218,589+

Certified Internal Auditor Designations

1,327+

Testing Centers

200+

Countries

14

Languages in Which the CIA Exam Is Available

*Totals as of 31 March 2026. Individuals with no country affiliation: 5,033.

“As an auditor,
having those
credentials
does matter.”

Perry Liu, CIA, IAP, CISA





79%

of professionals say CIA is globally recognized and relevant to their career.

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.

Elevate Earning Potential and Influence.

Gain Respect, Salary, and Trust.

Why become certified? In the simplest terms...

Internal auditors seek the Certified Internal Auditor certification to:

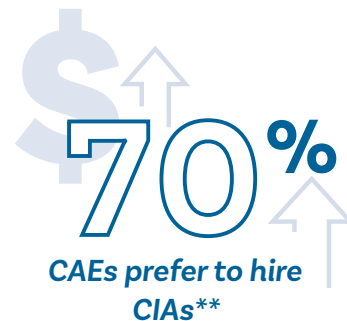
- Gain credibility as a trusted professional.
- Improve employability and mobility across industries and borders.
- Increase their confidence in their professional competence.
- Earn recognition and respect among peers.
- Increase their autonomy in the workplace.

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

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



Proven Value



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

** 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.

“I pursued CIA
to prove I value
this profession
and to build
credibility in
my company.”

*Tsholofelo Mofokeng,
CIA, CRMA*



A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a blue checkered suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red tie with white polka dots. He has his arms crossed and is wearing a silver watch on his left wrist. He is standing in front of a red wall.

“CIA provides
credibility and
global standards.”

Ali Rehman,
PhD, CIA, CRMA, CGMA, FCMA

One Designation. Many Paths.

Five Pathways to CIA. Which CIA path is right for you?

	Requirements	Exam Type	Questions	Timing
<p>Entry-Level Pathway to CIA</p> <p>Start your CIA journey early by earning the Internal Audit Practitioner™ (IAP™)</p> <p>IAP holders receive a waiver for CIA Part 1</p>	No degree required – accessible to all	1 multiple-choice exam	125 questions	150-minute exam
<p>Traditional CIA Exam Pathway (most popular)</p> <p>Covers internal audit fundamentals, internal audit engagement, and internal audit function</p> <p>Discounts for members</p>	*See eligibility requirements below	3-part multiple-choice exam	Part 1: 125 questions Part 2: 100 questions Part 3: 100 questions	Part 1: 2.5 hours (150 minutes) Part 2: 2 hours (120 minutes) Part 3: 2 hours (120 minutes)
<p>CIA Challenge Exams</p> <p>Available to approved CPA and CA holders</p>	Designed exclusively for experienced professionals or those who hold an eligible credential	1 multiple-choice exam	150 questions	180-minute exam



Eligibility Requirements

- If you have a master’s degree or equivalent, then you need only 1 year of experience + pass 3 exams.
- If you have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent, then you need 2 years of experience + pass 3 exams.
- If you have an active IAP, then you need 5 years of experience + pass Part 2 and Part 3 exams.
- If you do not have a college degree, then you need 5 years of experience + pass 3 exams.
- To be eligible for the CIA program, candidates must meet entry requirements.
- 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.



Get the Handbook

The Certification Candidate Handbook provides details on the policies and procedures along your internal audit certification journey. Get the handbook at theiia.org/handbookchs.

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%

**Part 1 of the CIA exam is the same exam as for the IAP, a stand-alone credential covering just the fundamentals.*

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

Submit your application

- Gather required documents (proof of education, government-issued photo ID).
- Sign into the CCMS.
- Select a certification program.
- Submit your application and pay for your order.

02

Take the certification exam*

- Go to “Manage Program” via the CCMS.
- Register for the exam or exam part.
- Schedule your exam.
- Review sample questions.

**You will not be able to register for the exam until your documents and application are approved.*

03

Get your certification

- Complete your experience verification.
- Receive your certification.
- Access your certificate via the CCMS. A printed copy may be obtained for a fee.

READY, SET, PREP!

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!



Scan the QR code for test questions.

Becker-The IIA CIA® Exam Review

The IIA has partnered with Becker, a trusted leader in exam preparation, to support candidates on their CIA journey. Becker's comprehensive CIA review course is designed to align with The IIA's Standards and helps candidates prepare with confidence.

CIA's Add Value Across All Industries



Finance and Insurance



Manufacturing



Public Administration



Utilities





Professional,
Scientific,
and Technical
Services



Information
Technology



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

CIA Growth Trend

More than 215,000 CIA designations have been awarded to internal auditors with diverse professional backgrounds from more than 200 countries, working in a variety of industries.

2026	218,589
2021	178,470
2017	149,234
2010	98,543
2000	32,149
1990	17,282
1974	8,046



**“Moving into
management
would not be
possible
without CIA.”**

Jami Shine,
CIA, CRMA, CISA, CRISC

Frequently Asked Questions

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.

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.

How do I maintain my certification?

Keep your certification active by completing continuing professional education (CPE) hours and renewing your certification annually before December 31.

Maintaining Your CIA® Credential

Earning the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation is a significant achievement. To protect its value and remain in good standing, CIAs renew their credential annually through The IIA.

Three Things to Know About CIA® Renewal

01. Earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

Complete 40 CPE hours each year, including at least 2 hours in ethics, to stay current with evolving standards, risks, and best practices.

02. Renew Annually in CCMS

Report your CPE and complete renewal in The IIA's Certification Candidate Management System (CCMS) between October 1 and December 31 each year.

03. Keep Your Credential Active

Timely renewal allows you to continue using the CIA designation. Missing renewal deadlines may result in Grace or Revoked status and loss of credential privileges.

For up-to-date answers to the most frequently asked questions, visit theiia.org/CIA.



100%

It's 100% true that CIAs earn up to 30% more.

“Certification
is a gateway to
global standards,
credibility,
and career
advancement.”

Shayla Johnson, CIA



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.

theiia.org/GroupCertifications



Join the Great. Do the Good.



Improve your credibility and proficiency today.
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