

# Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

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Founded in 1969 as the EDP Auditors Association, today the Information Systems Audit and Control Association with its 28,000 members in more than 100 countries sets standards for information systems audit, control and governance. With local and regional chapters in more than 60 countries ISACA is also active at the local level; ISACA-sponsored conferences are regularly held in North America, Europe, and Asia.

The Information Systems Audit and Control Association offers two respected professional information security qualifications: the long-standing Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and the new Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) designations.

## Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

The Certified Information Systems Auditor designation is a professional-level qualification awarded to experienced information systems audit, control and security professionals who have met the following requirements for certification:

- Successful completion of the CISA examination
- Minimum five years of information systems auditing, control or security experience
- Adherence to the Code of Professional Ethics
- Adherence to the continuing professional education requirements
- Compliance with the Information Systems Auditing Standards promulgated by the ISACA

The CISA examination is held once a year in many locations worldwide. It consists of 200 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 4 hours and covers the following seven domains:

1. Management, planning and organisation of IS	11%
2. Technical infrastructure and operational practices	13%
3. Protection of information assets	25%
4. Disaster recovery and business continuity	10%
5. Application development, acquisition and implementation	16%
6. Business process evaluation and risk management	15%
7. The information systems audit process	10%

Minimum five years of verified professional experience in auditing, control or security is required in addition to a passing score on the CISA examination. Certified Information Systems Auditors are also required to comply with strict continuing professional education requirements and comply with the Information Systems Auditing Standards promulgated by ISACA. Examination fee for the CISA examination depends on the time of registration and the ISACA membership status of the candidate and ranges from US\$ 295 to US\$ 495. CISA preparation materials are available from the Association and third-party providers.

## **Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)**

Certified Information Security Manager is a new professional-level qualification from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association. Aimed specifically at information security managers the CISM examination covers five domains:

1. Information security governance	21%
2. Risk management	21%
3. Information security programme management	21%
4. Information security management	24%
5. Response management	13%

In addition to the successful completion of the CISM examination candidates are required to have at least five years of professional information security management experience and commit themselves to continuing professional development requirements and code of ethics. Certified Information Systems Security Professionals (CISSPs) and Certified Information Systems Auditors (CISAs) are entitled to two years work experience waiver when applying for the CISM designation.

For up to date information on CISM please visit Information Systems Audit and Control Association online at [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org).