

CIA Exam: Certified Internal Auditor Examination

Official Body: The IIA | Syllabus: 2024+ GIAS Standards & V2.09.2024 FINAL Syllabus (Effectiv

Free 10-Q Diagnostic ->

Passing Standard: 600 on a 250-750 scaled score (Computer-based testing)

Format & Timing: 3 Parts: Part 1 (125 MCQs, 2.5 hrs), Part 2 (100 MCQs, 2.0 hrs), Part 3 (100 MCQs, 2.0 hrs) (Pearson VUE)

Testing Windows: Continuous testing year-round

1. OFFICIAL 2026 BLUEPRINT DOMAINS & WEIGHTINGS

- CIA1 - Part 1: Essentials of Internal Auditing** 2.5 Hours | 125 MCQs

Foundations of Internal Auditing (Purpose, Mandate, Charter) (35%); Ethics and Professionalism (GIAS Domain II) (20%); Governance, Risk Management, and Control (GRC) (30%); Fraud Risks and Controls (15%)
- CIA2 - Part 2: Practice of Internal Auditing** 2.0 Hours | 100 MCQs

Engagement Planning (Objectives, Scope, Criteria, Work Program) (50%); Information Gathering, Analysis, and Evaluation (40%); Engagement Supervision and Communication of Results (10%)
- CIA3 - Part 3: Business Knowledge for Internal Auditing** 2.0 Hours | 100 MCQs

Internal Audit Operations and Strategy (25%); Internal Audit Plan and Resource Management (15%); Quality of the Internal Audit Function (QAIP) (15%); Engagement Results and Action Plan Monitoring (45%)

2. PRIMARY STATUTORY & REGULATORY AUTHORITIES TESTED

- * **Global Internal Audit Standards (GIAS 2024) - 5 Domains: I. Purpose, II. Ethics & Professional**
New unified mandatory framework replacing the 2017 IPPF Attribute & Performance standards
- * **IIA Code of Ethics (Domain II) - 5 Core Principles: Integrity, Objectivity, Competence, Due Pr**
Mandatory ethical principles binding all internal audit practitioners
- * **COSO 2017 ERM Framework & 2013 Internal Control - Strategy and Objective-Setting, Performance,**
Foundational benchmark for risk management, governance, and control assurance

3. EXAMINER TRAPS & HIGH-YIELD PASS STRATEGY

Key Challenge: Subjective situational questions where all four answer options sound ethical, but only one matches the mandatory GIAS Domain requirements exactly.