CIA CIA3: Part 3: Business Knowledge for Internal Auditing

Official Body: The IIA | Time: 2.0 Hours | 2026 Blueprint

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

Section Format: 100 MCQs (Pearson VUE)

1. OFFICIAL 2026 CIA3 BLUEPRINT DOMAINS & WEIGHTINGS

CIA3-A: Internal Audit Operations and Strategy	**Weight: 25%**
CIA3-B: Internal Audit Plan and Resource Management	**Weight: 15%**
CIA3-C: Quality of the Internal Audit Function (QAIP)	**Weight: 15%**
CIA3-D: Engagement Results and Action Plan Monitoring	**Weight: 45%**

2. HIGH-YIELD CIA3 FORMULAS, ORDERING RULES & MNEMONICS

* **QAIP (Quality Assurance & Improvement Program)**
  Requires BOTH ongoing + periodic internal assessments AND an external assessment by a qualified, independent assessor at least once every 5 years.
* **Action Plan Monitoring & Risk Acceptance**
  CAE establishes follow-up process to verify management actions were implemented. If senior management accepts residual risk exceeding risk appetite, CAE discusses with management and escalates to the Board if unresolved.
* **Internal Audit Strategy, KPIs & Resource Plan**
  Audit plan must remain dynamic and risk-based, aligned to organizational strategy, IT/cyber risks, and available competency resources.

EXAM TRAP TO AVOID: Can the CAE say "conforms with the Global Internal Audit Standards" before an external assessment? Only once an external assessment within the last 5 years supports conformance.

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