

CISA Exam: Certified Information Systems Auditor Examination

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Official Body: ISACA | Syllabus: 2024 Job Practice (Updated August 1, 2024: D1=18%, D2=18%, D

Passing Standard: 450 on a 200-800 scaled score (Scaled according to psychometric difficulty)

Format & Timing: 150 Scenario-Based Multiple Choice Questions. Total 4 hours. (PSI Services)

Testing Windows: Continuous testing year-round

1. OFFICIAL 2026 BLUEPRINT DOMAINS & WEIGHTINGS

CISA1 - Domain 1: Information System Auditing Process	4 Hours (Full Exam) Scenario MCQs (~27 Quest
Planning (Audit Charter, Scope, Risk-Based Audit Planning) (9%); Execution (Evidence Collection, Sampling, Data Analytics, Reporting) (9%)	
CISA2 - Domain 2: Governance and Management of IT	4 Hours (Full Exam) Scenario MCQs (~27 Quest
IT Governance (Strategy, Organizational Structure, Policies, Legal/Regulatory) (9%); IT Management (Resource Management, Sourcing, Performance & Risk Monitoring) (9%)	
CISA3 - Domain 3: Information Systems Acquisition, Development, and Implem	4 Hours (Full Exam) Scenario MCQs (~18 Quest
Project Governance and Management (Business Case, Project Controls, Agile/DevOps) (6%); System Development and Implementation (SDLC, Testing, Data Migration, Post-Implementation Review) (6%)	
CISA4 - Domain 4: Information Systems Operations and Business Resilience	4 Hours (Full Exam) Scenario MCQs (~39 Quest
Information Systems Operations (Asset Management, Change, Configuration, Release) (13%); Business Resilience (BCP, DRP, Business Impact Analysis, Testing) (13%)	
CISA5 - Domain 5: Protection of Information Assets	4 Hours (Full Exam) Scenario MCQs (~39 Quest
Information Asset Security and Control (IAM, Cryptography, Network Security, Cloud Architecture) (13%); Security Event Management (Threat Modeling, Vulnerability Management, SIEM, Incident Response) (13%)	

2. PRIMARY STATUTORY & REGULATORY AUTHORITIES TESTED

- * ISACA Code of Professional Ethics - 7 Tenets: Compliance with audit standards, due care, servi**
Mandatory ethical code enforced against all CISA holders and exam candidates
- * COBIT 2019 Framework - Governance Objectives (EDM01-05), Management Objectives (APO, BAI, DSS,**
Governance and Management of Enterprise IT (ISACA primary source)
- * NIST Special Publications (SP 800-30, 800-37, 800-53, 800-61) - NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 (Securit**
Risk assessment, incident handling, and security control baselines
- * Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery Standards - RTO (Recovery Time Objective), RPO (Recove**
Statutory calculations for recovery time objectives and data protection

3. EXAMINER TRAPS & HIGH-YIELD PASS STRATEGY

Key Challenge: Tricky scenario questions testing examiner mindset - distinguishing what an IT auditor SHOULD do first vs what an IT administrator would do.

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