

Which ISACA Certification Is Right for You?



	Key Areas	Career Stage	Average Salary Data in US\$*	Typical Job Titles for Certification Holders	Experience Required?	Exam Required?	Recommended Pre-Requisition	Hands-On Labs Included?	Recommended for Career Path Advancement
CISA Certified Information Systems Auditor. An ISACA® Certification	Audit, control, monitor and assess IT and business systems using a risk-based approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-level IT pros IT and internal auditors who audit for information security compliance 	US\$149,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Auditor Compliance Analyst/Program Manager Risk Analyst/Program Manager IT Consultant 	Five-years of professional information systems auditing, control or security work.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students or early career candidates: ITCA IT Audit Fundamentals certificate 	No Knowledge-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COBIT Foundation and Design and Implementation certificates Certificate of Cloud Auditing
CRISC Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control. An ISACA® Certification	Deployment and management of enterprise IT risk and controls	Mid-level IT professionals looking for career growth in IT risk	US\$167,145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk and Security Manager IS or Business Analyst IS Manager Operations Manager Information Control Manager Chief Information Security or Compliance Officer 	One to three years of experience in IT risk and/or security and audit	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early career candidates: IT Risk Fundamentals certificate CISA certification a plus before starting 	No Knowledge-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CISM and/or CGEIT to round-out the knowledge and develop a more strategic mindset
CISM Certified Information Security Manager. An ISACA® Certification	Information security governance, managing risk, programs and incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical experts looking to strategic management positions Not for entry-level 	US\$158,590	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Architect Security Analyst Data Security Manager Security and Compliance Director VP/AVP Information Security CIO/CISO/CTO 	Five+ years of experience in technical IT security, cybersecurity	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CISA CRISC 	No Knowledge-based exam	CGEIT to get to an overarching governance role
CDPSE Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer. An ISACA® Certification	Creating and implementing technical privacy-by-design solutions	Technical IT professionals with some experience implementing privacy controls	US\$144,004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Analyst Privacy Engineer Privacy Solutions Architect Lead Privacy Manager IT Consultant 	Three to five years of experience in 2+ domains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Privacy Governance Privacy Architecture Data Lifecycle 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITCA CISA CRISC 	No Knowledge-based exam	Hands-on privacy labs, data science certificates
CGEIT Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT. An ISACA® Certification	Framework-agnostic governance, risk/benefit optimization	Highly experienced strategic IT professionals who are in the role of advisors to upper management and the board	US\$151,473	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIO, CTO, CISO Senior IT Internal Auditor, Cybersecurity and Compliance Lead Analyst—IT Governance, Risk and Compliance Security Risk and Compliance Specialist Information Security Compliance Manager Governance Risk Consultant 	Five+ years of experience in CGEIT domains : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Governance IT Resources Benefits Realization Risk Optimization 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CISA CRISC CISM 	No Knowledge-based exam	Training and CPE resources offered by ISACA or other organizations to keep up knowledge and skills
ITCA Information Technology Certified Associate. An ISACA® Certification	Comprised of stackable certificates in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computing Networks and Infrastructure Cybersecurity Software Development Data Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early professional Recent graduate Student Switching careers Current IT professional Seeking to reskill or upskill 	Stats not yet available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications Developer Systems Engineer Database Administrator Software Developer Computer Operator Technical Support Specialist PC Technician Help Desk Analyst 	None	Yes—One exam for each of five certificates that make up the certification	None	Yes Hybrid performance and knowledge-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Risk Fundamentals certificate Attain CPEs to stay up-to-date
CET Certified in Emerging Technology An ISACA® Certification	Comprised of stackable certificates in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloud Blockchain IoT Artificial Intelligence 	IT Professionals looking to build knowledge or validate skillset around emerging technology.	Stats not yet available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging Technology Specialist Cloud Architect or Engineer Blockchain Analyst or Developer IoT Architect or Engineer Software Engineer AI Integration Architect AI Success Manager 	Foundational IT knowledge recommended	Yes—One exam for each of four certificates that make up the certification	None	Yes Hybrid performance and knowledge-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Lab Packages Pathway Attain CPEs to stay up to date

CPE Credit Hours:

CPE (Continuing Professional Education) is a key part of maintaining your certification status.

CPE credit hours are optional in Year 1 following initial certification.

To maintain a certification, Years 2+ require you to earn and report:

- A minimum of 20 CPEs each year
- A minimum of 120 CPEs over a three-year period
- Compliance with the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics

Full CPE policies are available at isaca.org

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