

# Which ISACA Certification Is Right for You?



	Key Domains	Career Stage	Typical Job Titles for Certification Holders	Experience Required	Labs Included	Recommended Pre-Requisition	Compliments with, to Boost Career
<b>CISA</b> Certified Information Systems Auditor. An ISACA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Systems Auditing Process</li> <li>Governance &amp; Management of IT</li> <li>Information Systems Acquisition, Development &amp; Implementation</li> <li>Information Systems Operations &amp; Business Resilience</li> <li>Protection of Information Assets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-level IT professionals</li> <li>IT and internal auditors who audit for information security compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Auditor</li> <li>Compliance Analyst/ Program Manager</li> <li>Risk Analyst/Program Manager</li> <li>IT Consultant</li> </ul>	Five years of professional information systems auditing, control or security work.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Audit Fundamentals certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AAIA</li> <li>CDPSE</li> <li>Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate</li> <li>Cloud Auditing Certificate</li> </ul>
<b>AAIA</b> ISACA Advanced in AI Audit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI Governance &amp; Risk</li> <li>AI Operations</li> <li>AI Auditing Tools &amp; Techniques</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid- to high-level IT professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior IT Auditor</li> <li>Risk Manager</li> <li>Information Manager</li> <li>Chief Information Security</li> <li>Chief Risk Officer</li> </ul>	No additional experience required, but must hold a CISA, CPA or CIA and meet the requirements for those certifications	No	Prerequisites required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CISA, CPA or CIA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDPSE</li> </ul>
<b>CISM</b> Certified Information Security Manager. An ISACA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Security Governance</li> <li>Information Security Risk Management</li> <li>Information Security Program</li> <li>Incident Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid- to high-level professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Architect</li> <li>Security Analyst</li> <li>Data Security Manager</li> <li>Security and Compliance Director</li> <li>VP/AVP Information Security</li> <li>CIO/CISO/CTO</li> </ul>	Five+ years of experience in technical IT security, cybersecurity	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CISA</li> <li>CRISC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CGEIT</li> </ul>
<b>CRISC</b> Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control. An ISACA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate IT Governance</li> <li>IT Risk Assessment</li> <li>Risk Response &amp; Reporting</li> <li>Information Technology &amp; Security</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid- to high-level IT professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk and Security Manager</li> <li>IS or Business Analyst</li> <li>IS Manager</li> <li>Operations Manager</li> <li>Information Control Manager</li> <li>Chief Information Security or Compliance Officer</li> </ul>	One to three years of experience in IT risk and/or security and audit	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early career candidates: IT Risk Fundamentals certificate</li> <li>CISA certification a plus before starting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CISM</li> <li>CGEIT</li> </ul>
<b>CGEIT</b> Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT. An ISACA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance of Enterprise IT</li> <li>IT Resources</li> <li>Benefits Realization</li> <li>Risk Optimization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highly experienced IT professionals</li> <li>Advisors to upper management and the board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIO, CTO, CISO</li> <li>Senior IT Internal Auditor, Cybersecurity and Compliance</li> <li>Lead Analyst—IT Governance, Risk and Compliance</li> <li>Security Risk and Compliance Specialist</li> <li>Information Security Compliance Manager</li> <li>Governance Risk Consultant</li> </ul>	Five+ years of experience in CGEIT domains : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Governance</li> <li>IT Resources</li> <li>Benefits Realization</li> <li>Risk Optimization</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CISA</li> <li>CRISC</li> <li>CISM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COBIT</li> </ul>
<b>CDPSE</b> Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer. An ISACA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Privacy Governance</li> <li>Privacy Risk Management &amp; Compliance</li> <li>Data Life Cycle Management</li> <li>Privacy Engineering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-level IT professionals</li> <li>Experience in implementing privacy controls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Analyst</li> <li>Privacy Engineer</li> <li>Privacy Solutions Architect</li> <li>Lead Privacy Manager</li> <li>IT Consultant</li> </ul>	Three to five years of experience in 2+ domains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Privacy Governance</li> <li>Privacy Architecture</li> <li>Data Lifecycle</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CISA</li> <li>CRISC</li> <li>Data Science Fundamentals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISACA Privacy Labs</li> </ul>
<b>CCOA</b> Certified Cybersecurity Operations Analyst. An ISACA Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology Essentials</li> <li>Incident Detection &amp; Response</li> <li>Cybersecurity Principles &amp; Risks</li> <li>Securing Assets</li> <li>Adversarial Tactics, Techniques &amp; Procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early- to mid-career professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cybersecurity Analyst</li> <li>Information Security Analyst</li> <li>SOC Analyst</li> <li>Vulnerability Analyst</li> <li>Incident Response Analyst</li> <li>Tier 1 and 2 SOC Support</li> </ul>	Cybersecurity professionals with 2–3 years of experience	Yes: 13 Performance-based labs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cybersecurity Fundamentals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CISM</li> </ul>

## 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](https://isaca.org)

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