

# Increase Your Chances of Passing the CIA<sup>®</sup> Exam

CIA Exam Preparation Webinar



# What We'll Cover Today

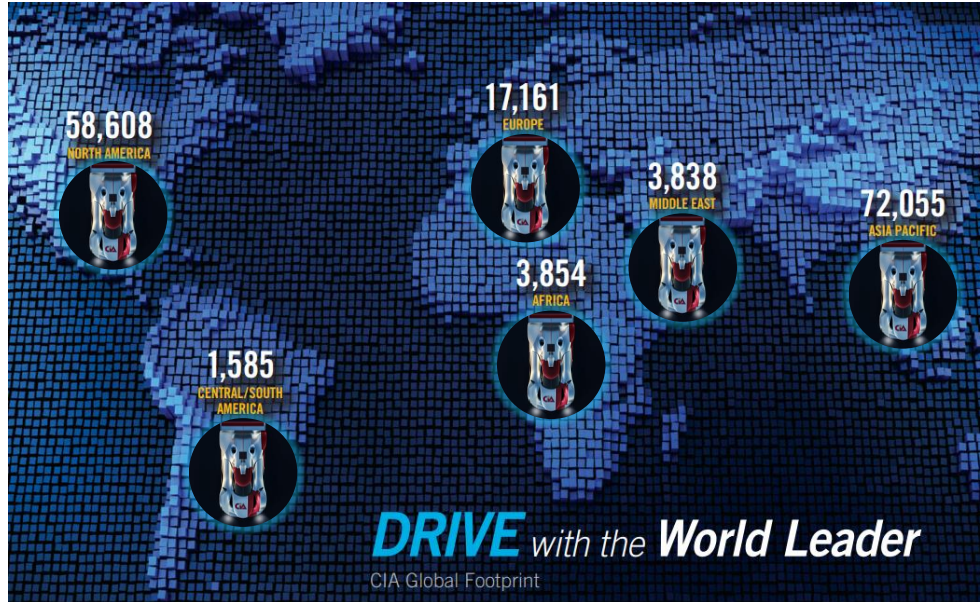
- Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) Certification Program
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# CIA Certification



*Accelerate*  
Your Success

CIA Proves Credibility  
& Proficiency



Elite group of global  
CIAs

**165,000** strong and  
growing



# Benefits of Earning Your CIA

## *Proven Value*



*Believe CIA adds value\**



*CAEs prefer to hire CIAs\**

\*According to The IIA's 2018 North American Pulse of Internal Audit Survey, 84% believe the CIA brings value to their internal audit work, and 70% of chief audit executives (CAEs) say they prefer to hire candidates with their CIA designation.



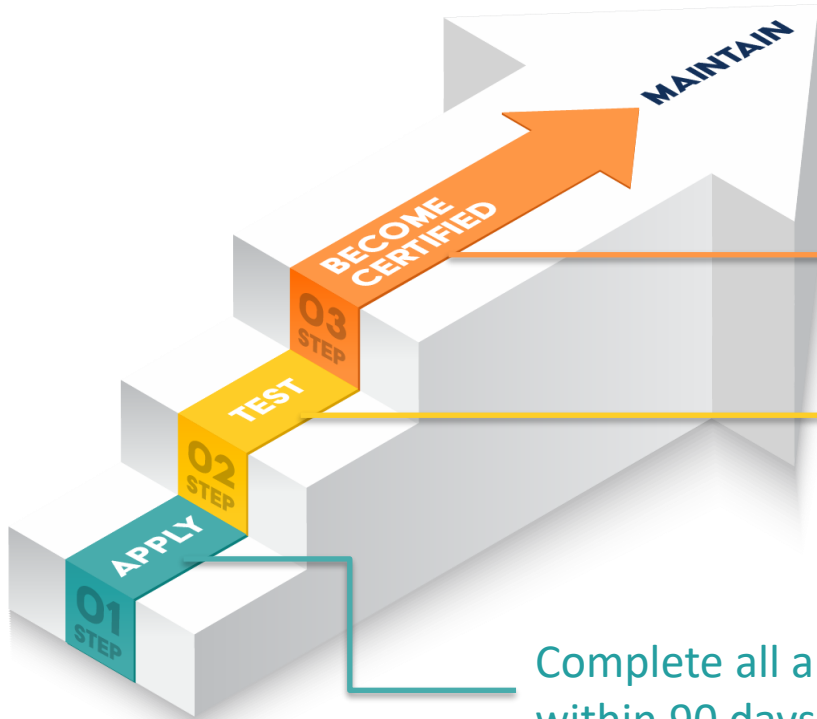
*More annually for CIAs\*\**

\*\*According to The IIA's 2017 Internal Audit Compensation Study (based on U.S. responses), CIAs earn an average of \$38,000 more annually than those without a certification.





# The Certification Process



Verify experience based on education level and get certified.

Prepare and pass all three exam parts.  
Complete exam process within three years.

Complete all application requirements. Submit all documentation within 90 days of receipt of payment. Receive program approval.

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## Part 1

### *Essentials of Internal Auditing*

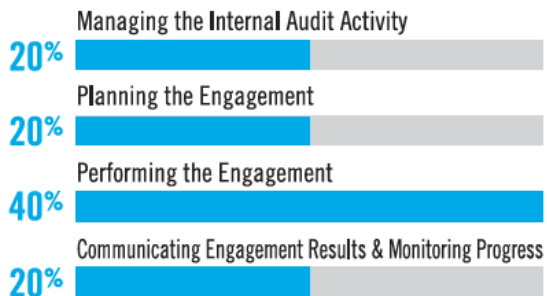
125 QUESTIONS / 150 MINUTES



## Part 2

### *Practice of Internal Auditing*

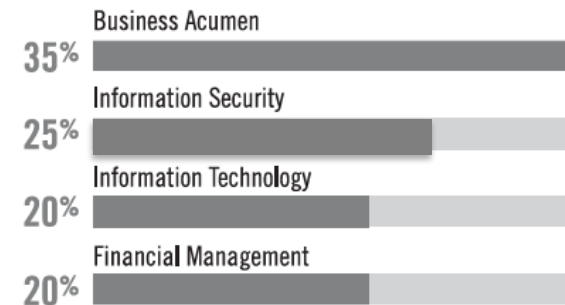
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## Part 3

### *Business Knowledge for Internal Auditing*

100 QUESTIONS / 120 MINUTES



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# Exam Preparation




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- Small content segments
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# Choose Your Learning Option

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# Steps to Success



**Assess**



**Study**



**Practice**





# Step 1: Assess



- Complete the online Pre-test to determine your strengths & weaknesses and create a personalized study path

The screenshot shows the 'Assess' step of the IIA's CIA Learning System. The interface includes a navigation bar with '1 ASSESS', '2 STUDY', and '3 PRACTICE'. Below the navigation, it displays the user's pre-test results: 'You completed the Pre-test with an overall score of 28%.' A table provides a breakdown by section, and there are buttons for 'Begin Studies' and 'Review Last Attempt'. Three resource cards are visible at the bottom, each with a title, description, and a link to access the resource.

Your Pre-Test breakdown by Section:	
Foundations of Internal Auditing	33%
Independence and Objectivity	17%
Proficiency and Due Professional Care	0%
Quality Assurance and Improvement Program	0%
Governance	57%
Risk Management	43%
Control	60%
Fraud Risks	13%



## Choose Your Study Path

- Follow your recommended path, based on your pre-test results, or follow the order of the exam syllabus content

The screenshot displays the 'THE IIA'S CIA LEARNING SYSTEM' interface. At the top, there are navigation icons for search, settings, list, calendar, refresh, and user profile. Below the header, three progress indicators are shown: '1 ASSESS', '2 STUDY' (which is highlighted with a red triangle), and '3 PRACTICE'. The main content area is titled 'Study' and includes instructions to choose between 'Content order' and 'Recommended order' (which is selected). A progress bar indicates '0% completed'. The syllabus content is organized into expandable sections. The first section, 'Proficiency and Due Professional Care', is expanded and shows a list of topics with green checkmarks indicating completion: 'Proficiency and due professional care are required for both internal auditors and the internal audit activity as a whole.', 'Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies', 'Knowledge and Competency', 'Due Professional Care', and 'Continuing Professional Development'. Below this list are icons for 'Quiz' (64% completion) and 'Flashcards'. The second section, 'Quality Assurance and Improvement Program', is collapsed.



## Reading Materials

- Read online or download to your e-reader device
- Printed books available
- Time estimates provided on each study topic



### Proficiency and Due Professional Care

Proficiency and due professional care are required for both internal auditors and the internal audit activity as a whole.

Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies

Knowledge and Competency

Due Professional Care

Continuing Professional Development



Flashcards



4 min

3 min





- Topics presented in small segments for study efficiency
- Want more detail? Link directly from the reading materials to IIA guidance and resources

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## Key Content

[Attribute Standard 1200](#), "Proficiency and Due Professional Care"

Engagements must be performed with proficiency and due professional care.

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Proficiency is a collective term that refers to the **knowledge, skills, and other competencies** required of internal auditors to effectively carry out their professional responsibilities. In order to enable relevant advice and recommendations, proficiency encompasses:

- Current activities.
- Trends.
- Emerging issues.

Changes that may affect the industry or the internal audit profession may be learned about via continuing professional development. The CAE may help ensure the internal audit activity's overall proficiency in this regard.

Internal auditors generally develop individual proficiency throughout their careers:


- By obtaining and maintaining appropriate **certifications**.
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## Quizzes

- Apply what you've learned
- Test your comprehension
- Get immediate feedback and rationale

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### Quality Assurance and Improvement Program Quiz

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**Rationale**

The mandatory element of an external quality assessment as part of a QAIP is to assess conformance to the mandatory guidance and provide an opinion as to whether the internal auditing activity generally conforms to the Code of Ethics and all of the Standards.

An external quality assessment as part of a quality assurance and improvement program (QAIP) of an internal audit department provides reasonable assurance of what?

**Answers**

- Senior management's and board of directors' level of satisfaction with assurance and consulting services
- CORRECT** Conformance of audit work with all mandatory guidance including Code of Ethics and the Standards
- Audit program continual improvement, including auditors delivering assurance and consulting services at or above the requirements in the charter
- Auditor training that addresses all gaps in auditor knowledge needed to satisfy the annual audit plan

**Next Question**





## Flashcards & Glossary

- Learn key terms and definitions with flashcards and the online glossary

### Proficiency and Due Professional Care

Question 2 of 7 <<

Next Card

#### Continuing professional development

The means by which members of a profession maintain, improve, and broaden the knowledge, skills, and competence required in their professional lives.

#### Glossary

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Search

#### Capital gains tax

Tax levied on the profit released upon the sale of a capital asset.

#### Capitalize

To record an expenditure that will benefit future periods as an asset rather than treating the expenditure as an expense during the period of its occurrence.

#### Capital stock

The par value of issued shares of stock.

#### Capital structure

A financial term that refers to the way a company finances its assets through a combination of cash, equity and liabilities (debt).

#### Cash basis accounting

An accounting system in which an organization recognizes revenue only when cash is received and expenses only when cash is paid out.

#### Cash conversion cycle

A measure of how long it takes to generate cash income from production outlays.



- Expect to study:
  - Part 1: 40+ hours
  - Part 2: 40+ hours
  - Part 3: 50+ hours





## CIA Practice Exam

- Timed practice exam emulates the CIA exam software with question flagging and review
- After submitting and receiving your score, you can go back and review questions

### Practice

Question 2 of 125 &lt;&lt;

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An internal audit department is currently undergoing the first external quality assurance review since its formation three years ago. From interviews with a few of the staff auditors, the review team is informed of certain auditor activities that have occurred over the past year. Which of the following activities could affect the quality assurance review team's evaluation of the objectivity of the internal audit department?

#### Answers

- One internal auditor tells the review team that, during the payroll audit, he was approached by the payroll manager. The manager indicated that he was looking for an accountant to prepare the financial statements for his part-time business. The internal auditor agreed to perform this work for a reduced fee during non-work hours.
- An auditor's participation was requested on a task force to reduce the company's inventory losses from theft and shrinkage. This was the first consulting assignment undertaken by the audit department. The auditor's role was to advise the task force on appropriate control techniques.
- After reviewing the installation of a data processing system, the auditor made recommendations on standards of control. Three months after completing the audit, the auditee requested the auditor's review of certain procedures for adequacy. The auditor agreed and performed this review.
- During the audit of the company's construction of a building addition to the corporate office, the vice president of facilities management gave the auditor a commemorative mug with the company's logo. These mugs were distributed to all employees present at the groundbreaking ceremony.

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# Practice Question

Which of the following fraudulent entries is most likely to be made to conceal the theft of an asset?

- A. Debit expenses, and credit the asset.
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  - D. Debit another asset account, and credit the asset.
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## KEYWORDS

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**Feedback:** Most fraud perpetrators would attempt to conceal their theft by charging it against an expense account.



# Study Tips

- Choose study method
  - Be realistic
  - Avoid procrastination
  - Set a study plan
  - Use flashcards
  - Focus on “proficiency” areas
  - Understand application
  - Go beyond memorization
  - Prepared for computer-based test format
  - Special attention to the IPPF
  - Write an audit manual (reference IPPF)
  - Consider real-life examples
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# Test-Taking Tips

- Read the last sentence / question before the details
- Look for clues such as “all,” “except,” or “not”
- Think of your answer before reading the choices
- Answer broadly and globally – beyond your experience and industry
- Eliminate obvious distracters (aka: wrong answers)
- Trust your first impressions and avoid over-analyzing
- If uncertain, answer it anyway; flag it for review later
- Budget your time and don't rush
- Be well-rested and comfortable for the exam





## CIA Practice Question

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KEYWORDS

CORRECT

**Feedback:** The chief audit executive (CAE) is the business unit manager ultimately responsible for all facets of the internal audit activity. According to Implementation Guide 2340, the CAE or designee provides appropriate engagement supervision. Supervision is a process that begins with planning and continues throughout the engagement, including determining that engagement objectives are being met.



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