

Certified Information Systems Auditor™

Application for Certification



Requirements to Become a Certified Information Systems Auditor

To become a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), an applicant must:

- 1. Score a passing grade on the CISA exam. A passing score on the CISA exam, without completing the required work experience as outlined below, will only be valid for five years. If the applicant does not meet the CISA certification requirements within the five year period, the passing score will be voided.
- 2. Submit verified evidence of *five years work experience in the fields of Information Systems Auditing, Control, Assurance or Security.* Work experience must be gained within the ten year period preceding the application date for certification or within five years from the date of initially passing the exam.

Substitutions and waivers of such experience, to a maximum of 3 years, may be obtained as follows:

- A maximum of one year of information systems OR one year of non-IS auditing experience can be substituted for one year of information systems auditing, control, or security experience;
- 60 to 120 completed university semester credit hours (the equivalent of a two-year or four-year degree), not limited by the ten year preceding restriction, can be substituted for one or two years, respectively, of information systems auditing, control or security experience. Even if multiple degrees have been earned, a maximum of 2 years can be claimed.
- A bachelor's or master's degree from a university that enforces the ISACA sponsored Model Curricula can be substituted for one year of information systems auditing, control or security experience. To view a list of these schools, please visit www.isaca.org/modeluniversities. This option cannot be used if three years of experience substitution and educational waiver have already been claimed; and
- A master's degree in information security or information technology from an accredited university can be substituted for one year of experience.

Exception: Two years as a full-time university instructor in a related field (e.g.; computer science, accounting, information systems auditing) can be substituted for every one year of information systems auditing, control or security experience.

As an example, at a minimum (assuming a two-year waiver of experience by substituting 120 university credits) an applicant must have three years of actual work experience. This experience can be completed by:

■ three years information systems audit, control, or security experience;

OR

- two years information systems audit, control, or security experience and one full year non-IS audit or information systems experience or two years as a full-time university instructor.
- 3. Agree to abide by the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics.
- 4. Agree to abide with Information Systems Standards as adopted by ISACA, which can be viewed at www.isaca.org/standards.
- 5. Agree to abide by the CISA Continuing Education Policy, which can be viewed at www.isaca.org/cisacpepolicy.

ISACA Code of Professional Ethics

ISACA sets forth this Code of Professional Ethics to guide the professional and personal conduct of members of the association and/or its certification holders.

CISAs shall:

- 1. Support the implementation of, and encourage compliance with, appropriate standards, procedures and controls for information systems
- 2. Perform their duties with objectivity, due diligence and professional care, in accordance with professional standards and best practices
- 3. Serve in the interest of stakeholders in a lawful and honest manner, while maintaining high standards of conduct and character, and not engage in acts discreditable to the profession
- 4. Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of information obtained in the course of their duties unless disclosure is required by legal authority. Such information shall not be used for personal benefit or released to inappropriate parties
- 5. Maintain competency in their respective fields and agree to undertake only those activities, that they can reasonably expect to complete with professional competence
- 6. Inform appropriate parties of the results of work performed, revealing all significant facts known to them
- 7. Support the professional education of stakeholders in enhancing their understanding of information systems security and control

Failure to comply with this Code of Professional Ethics can result in an investigation into a member's and/or certification holder's conduct and, ultimately, in disciplinary measures.

Instructions for Completion of the Application for CISA Certification Form

- 1. **SECTION A INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT, CONTROL OR SECURITY EXPERIENCE** For each employer (starting with the most current), enter the:
 - Name of employer
 - Date range (month and year) of employment in IS auditing, control or security
 - Number of years and months, by employer and in total, performing IS auditing, control or security service.

SECTION B – EXPERIENCE SUBSTITUTION — If substituting other audit experience (such as financial or operational auditing) or other types of information systems work experience (such as application programming or operations), there is a maximum limit of one FULL year for the audit or information systems work experience. If substituting full-time university instructor experience in a related field (e.g.; information systems, accounting, information systems auditing) you must have two FULL years experience for each year of experience substitution. There is no limit on the number of year's experience substitution that may be claimed as a university instructor.

No credit will be given for a partial year's experience.

SECTION C – EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE WAIVER — Indicate an experience waiver for educational purposes by checking the appropriate box. To confirm your degree status, include an original or copy of a transcript or letter from your college or university with your application. To reduce processing time, please do not send the transcript separately.

SECTION D – SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS — Record the totals from sections A-C above. The line titled "Total Work Experience" should be the total number of years spent working in an information systems auditing, control or security function, plus any experience substitution and waivers. A minimum of five years is required to qualify for CISA Certification.

No more than three years of experience substitution or educational waivers can be used towards your five year experience requirement, with the exception of those claiming the experience substitution of a university instructor.

- 2. Complete the top portion of the front page of the Verification of Work Experience form and check the boxes on the reverse side that indicate the tasks you performed that are being verified by each verifier. Give the form to each person(s) verifying your work experience; and a copy of your completed application. This person should be your immediate supervisor or a person of higher rank within the organization. If one person cannot verify all required experience for you to become a CISA, previous employers must be asked to complete this form. Please note that if year length of employment with your most recent company is less than three months, verification of work experience is required from previous employers. Two copies of the form are included. If additional copies are required, photocopy the form (both sides). All Verification of Work Experience forms, front and back, must be signed by your verifier and submitted along with your application. To reduce processing time, please send the completed verification forms with your application.
- 3. In order for your application to be efficiently processed, please collect all supporting documentation (verification of work experience form(s) and any applicable university transcript or letter) and mail your completed Application for CISA Certification to:

Certification Coordinator ISACA 3701 Algonquin Road, Suite 1010 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-3124 USA

E-mail: certification@isaca.org Telephone Number: +1.847.660.5660 Fax Number: +1.847.253.1443

NOTE: Please allow approximately eight weeks for the processing of your completed Application for CISA Certification. Upon approval, you will receive a certificate package via mail containing a letter of certification, your CISA certificate and the CISA Continuing Education Policy.

by ISACA in connection with my Certification will be kept confidential and will not be released unless I have authorized such release or such release is required by law. However, the fact that I am or am not, or have or have not

been, Certified is a matter of public record and may be disclosed. Finally, I allow ISACA to use information from my application for the purpose of statistical analysis, provided that my personal identification with that

information has been deleted.

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I hereby apply to ISACA for issuance to me Information Systems Auditor (CISA) in accorprocedures and regulations of ISACA. I have reset forth in the CISA Application for Certifica Policy in effect at the time of my application process; and Continuing Education policies. I and to forfeiture and redelivery of any certification by ISACA in the event that any of the station this application are false or in the event thregulations governing such exam. I authorize ISACA to make whatever inquiring necessary to verify my credentials and my profitat this application and any information or the ISACA in connection with my Certification.	rdance with and subject to the ead and agree to the conditions tion and Continuing Education ion, covering the Certification agree to denial of Certification ate or other credential granted ements or answers made by menat I violate any of the rules or es and investigations it deems essional standing. I understand material received or generated	and agents, harmless from action or omission by any application process; the fai forfeiture or redelivery of s I UNDERSTAND THAT T FOR CERTIFICATION RE AND THAT THE DECISION	any complaint, claim, of them in connecticulare to issue me any couch certificate. THE DECISION AS ESTS SOLELY AND IN OF ISACA IS FINE CRETAND THESE ST	ctors, examiners, employee, or damage arising out of aron with this application; the certificate; or any demand for the certificate of the certificate. TO WHETHER I QUALIFICACLUSIVELY WITH ISAC IAL. ATEMENTS AND I INTENTITY.

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	1.		information systems audit, control or security experience —				
2. If applying for an experience substitution, enter number of years being substituted in the box and complete Section B above (maximum of 1 year)							
	3.	If applying for an experience waiver, enter	er 1 or 2 in the box as appro	priate and comp	olete Section C above		
		TOTAL WORK EXPERIENCE — add boxes (must total five years or more to apply fo	s 1, 2 and 3 r CISA certification)				
E.	IND	DIVIDUALS VERIFYING WORK EXPERIENCE	DETAILS				
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Supervisor's Signature

Verific	ation of Work Experience	(front)				
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1.	Have you functioned in a supersuch that you can verify his/her			□ Yes	□ No	
2.	How long have you known the a	applicant?				years
3.	Is the categorization and duration experience, for your organization for certification form, correct to	on, as listed on the application		□ Yes	□ No	
4.	Are you qualified and willing to experience prior to his/her affili	verify the applicant's work iation with your company/organizat	ion?	□ Yes	□ No	□ N/A
5.	Are you qualified and willing to experience waiver(s) claimed?	verify the applicant's educational		□ Yes	□ No	□ N/A
6.	Is there any reason you believe certified as an information syste	= =		□ Yes	□ No	

Date

Verification of Work Experience (back)	
Exam ID	-
Applicant Name:	Verifier Name:
Description of CISA Job Practice Areas	
1. The IS Audit Process Provide IS audit services in accordance with IS audit standards, guidelines and best practices to assist the organization in ensuring that its information technology and business systems are protected and controlled. Tasks Develop and implement a risk-based IS audit strategy for the organization in compliance with IS audit standards, guidelines and best practices. Plan specific audits to ensure that IT and business systems are protected and controlled. Conduct audits in accordance with IS audit standards, guidelines and best practices to meet planned audit objectives. Communicate emerging issues, potential risks and audit results to key stakeholders. Advise on the implementation of risk management and control practices within the organization, while maintaining independence. 2. IT Governance Provide assurance that the organization has the structure, policies, accountability, mechanisms and monitoring practices in place to achieve the requirements of corporate governance of IT. Tasks Evaluate the effectiveness of the IT governance structure to ensure adequate board control over the decisions, directions and performance of IT so that it supports the organization's strategies and objectives. Evaluate the IT organizational structure and human resources (personnel) management to ensure that they support the organization's strategies and objectives. Evaluate the IT strategy and the process for its development, approval, implementation and maintenance to ensure that it supports the organization's	 □ Evaluate the readiness of the system and/or infrastructure for implementation and migration into production. □ Perform postimplementation review of systems and/or infrastructure to ensure that they meet the organization's objectives and are subject to effective internal control. □ Perform periodic reviews of systems and/or infrastructure to ensure that they continue to meet the organization's objectives and are subject to effective internal control. □ Evaluate the process by which systems and/or infrastructure are maintained to ensure the continued support of the organization's objectives and that the systems and/or infrastructure are subject to effective internal control. □ Evaluate the process by which systems and/or infrastructure are disposed of to ensure that they comply with the organization's policies and procedures. 4. IT Service Delivery and Support Provide assurance that the IT service management practices will ensure the delivery of the level of services required to meet the organization's objectives. □ Evaluate service-level management practices to ensure that the level of service from internal and external service providers is defined and managed. □ Evaluate operations management to ensure that IT support functions effectively meet business needs. □ Evaluate data administration practices to ensure the integrity and optimization of databases. □ Evaluate the use of capacity and performance monitoring tools and techniques to ensure that IT services meet the organization's objectives. □ Evaluate change, configuration and release management practices to ensure that changes made to the organization's production environment are adequately controlled and documented. □ Evaluate relations in the production of the pr
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3. Systems and Infrastructure Life Cycle Management Provide assurance that the management practices for the development/acquisition, testing, implementation, maintenance and disposal of systems and infrastructure will meet the organization's objectives. Tasks Evaluate the business case for the proposed system development/acquisition to ensure that it meets the organization's business goals. Evaluate the project management framework and project governance practices to ensure that business objectives are achieved in a cost-effective manner, while managing risks to the organization. Perform reviews to ensure that a project is progressing in accordance with project plans, is adequately supported by documentation and its status reporting is accurate. Evaluate proposed control mechanisms for systems and/or infrastructure during specification, development/acquisition and testing to ensure that they will provide safeguards and comply with the organization's policies and other requirements. Evaluate the processes by which systems and/or infrastructure are developed/acquired and tested to ensure that the deliverables meet the organization's objectives.	 □ Evaluate the design, implementation and monitoring of environmental controls to prevent or minimize loss. □ Evaluate the design, implementation and monitoring of physical access controls to ensure that information assets are adequately safeguarded. □ Evaluate the processes and procedures used to store, retrieve, transport and dispose of confidential information assets. 6. Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Provide assurance that, in the event of a disruption, the business continuity and disaster recovery processes will ensure the timely resumption of IT services, while minimizing the business impact. Tasks □ Evaluate the adequacy of backup and restore provisions to ensure the availability of information required to resume processing. □ Evaluate the organization's disaster recovery plan to ensure that it enables the recovery of IT processing capabilities in the event of a disaster. □ Evaluate the organization's business continuity plan to ensure its ability to continue essential business operations during the period of an IT disruption.

Verifier's Signature Date

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Exam I				
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2.	How long have you known the applicant?			years
3.	Is the categorization and duration of the applicant's work experience, for your organization, as listed on the application for certification form, correct to the best of your knowledge?	☐ Yes	□ No	
4.	Are you qualified and willing to verify the applicant's work experience prior to his/her affiliation with your company/organization?	□ Yes	□ No	□ N/A
5.	Are you qualified and willing to verify the applicant's educational experience waiver(s) claimed?	□ Yes	□ No	□ N/A
6.	Is there any reason you believe this applicant should not be certified as an information systems auditor?	☐ Yes	□ No	
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