

“ The future of IS auditing is in the hands of its practitioners. Proven experience and knowledge are essential, but it is also crucial to meet the demands of the future, which necessitates continuous education. Maintaining a CISA® certification helps provide its practitioners with the ability to meet the demands of today and prepare for the future. ”

RICHARD BRISEBOIS, CISA

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF CANADA

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Employ certified IT professionals
to enhance the success of your organization



How Do You Ensure Success for Your Organization?

In this era of corporate governance and accountability, the need to link sound corporate governance with effective internal control and risk management has never been greater. IT governance has worked its way onto the agenda of boards and executives as a priority within the broader scope of corporate governance. Technical strategies alone are not capable of achieving IT governance and providing business value. To benefit most from the information that is the lifeblood of your organization, it is essential to have an IT governance strategy, assurance program and information security program aligned with business goals and capable of effectively managing risk. Employing experienced IT audit and security professionals can help ensure your organization's success.

CERTIFIED INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDITOR™

Retaining CISAs Benefits Your Organization

For more than 25 years, organizations have turned to professionals who have earned a CISA® designation. CISAs have the proven ability to perform reviews in accordance with globally accepted standards and guidelines to ensure that the organization's information technology and business systems are adequately controlled, monitored and assessed.



"The CISA designation enables me to keep pace with the demands of today's workplace. Organizations are looking for individuals that are reliable and up to date with today's critical issues. CISA certification is imperative to prevail in today's work environment."

Michael Parkinson, CISA
Director, KPMG, Australia

By hiring or retaining the services of a CISA, an organization has invested in a professional who has:

- Distinguished himself/herself from other industry professionals
- Followed a career path allowing him/her to demonstrate IT audit, security and control knowledge and skill
- Committed to maintaining his/her skills through ongoing professional development



The CISA program requires certified individuals to:

- Acquire five years of IT audit, security or control experience
- Pass a rigorous exam
- Comply with annual requirements for continuing professional education

Individuals with IS audit work experience will find the CISA designation tailored to their knowledge and skills. CISAs have experience:

- Providing IS audit services in accordance with IS audit standards, guidelines and best practices
- Providing assurance that the organization can achieve corporate governance of IT
- Providing assurance that systems and infrastructure life cycle management meets the organization's objectives
- Providing assurance that IT service management practices meet the organization's objectives
- Providing assurance that an organization's security architecture ensures confidentiality, integrity and availability of information assets
- Providing assurance that disaster recovery and business continuity plans will ensure timely resumption of IT services while minimizing the business impact

The CISA program, global in scope and recognition, is the only certification program devoted exclusively to IT audit, control and security. More than 48,000 individuals worldwide have earned the highly prized and respected CISA designation.



C ISAs as Our Current and Future Leaders

Many CISAs achieve certification early in their IT careers and continue to affirm its value by maintaining their certification as they advance within their organizations. A current profile of CISAs demonstrates the increasing managerial influence and authority achieved by CISAs within their organizations:

- More than 1,000 CISAs are now employed in organizations as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer or an equivalent executive position.
- More than 2,300 serve as chief audit executives, audit partners or audit heads.
- More than 2,700 serve as chief information officers, chief information security officers, security directors, security managers or consultants.
- More than 4,000 serve as audit directors, managers or consultants.
- Nearly 8,000 additional CISAs are currently employed in managerial or consulting positions in IT operations or compliance.

This strong representation in enterprise leadership ranks is testimony to the importance of the knowledge, skills and recognition achieved by CISA-certified professionals.

Global Recognition

"CISAs represent an exclusive group of IT auditing professionals that desire to take IT to the highest standard possible. They are globally accepted and highly regarded. It is truly an honor to be among them."

Susanna Chiu, CISA
Chief Operations Officer, DVN (Holdings) Limited, Hong Kong

Organizations employing a CISA can be assured that they are getting a professional who has earned a credential that is known and respected around the world.

Not only is the CISA certification program recognized by individuals and organizations, it is also recognized by other distinguished associations:

- In August 2004, the US Department of Defense (DoD) put into effect Directive 8570.1, which mandates that information security personnel be certified with a commercial accreditation approved by the DoD. CISA is one of the approved accreditations, signifying the DoD's confidence in the credential.
- The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) recognizes CISA as the specialist certification program for Chartered Accountants (CAs) practicing in the areas of information systems audit, control and security.

- In recognition of the specialized knowledge that CISAs have acquired, the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) waives a part of the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exam for CISAs.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) recognizes the CISA designation as a designation that denotes a particular set of IT skills and knowledge.

CISA Complies With International Standard

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has accredited the CISA certification under ISO/IEC 17024.

This standard specifies the requirements to be followed by organizations certifying individuals against specific requirements and is expected to play a prominent role in facilitating global standardization, public safety and protecting consumers. Accreditation by ANSI signifies that ISACA's procedures meet ANSI's essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process.



Hire or Encourage Staff Members to Become CISAs

"No enterprise can surpass the abilities and talents of its employees. The world of technology is ever-changing, and I need to know that my employees are prepared to face such challenges. The CISA designation is an excellent indicator of proficiency in technology controls."

Marios Damianides, CISA, CISM
Partner, Ernst and Young LLP, USA

Attaining a CISA designation is a strong indicator that existing and newly hired employees possess the experience and knowledge required to control, monitor and assess IT and business systems. By including a requirement or preference for the CISA designation in your staff recruitment efforts, you ensure that candidates have the type of experience and knowledge you are seeking.

When developing staff internally, encourage employees to strive for the CISA designation. Their professional development will pay dividends well into the future as they demonstrate and apply their skills and knowledge.

For more information on how the CISA program can help your organization, please contact the ISACA certification department at certification@isaca.org or +1.847.253.1545, exts. 474, 403 or 471.

CERTIFIED INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGER®

The CISM® designation focuses on the management of information security. The CISM certification ensures that information security professionals, and specifically information security managers, have the experience and knowledge necessary to provide effective management and consulting services. CISM defines the core competencies and international performance standards that those who have information security management responsibilities are expected to master.



"The CISM designation signifies integrity, responsibility, knowledge and experience... all of which I expect from a prospective employee."

William C. Boni, CISM
Corporate Vice President Information Security and Protection,
Motorola, USA

Global Recognition

Organizations employing a CISM can be assured they are getting a professional who has earned a credential that is known and respected around the world. Information security professionals from more than 80 countries have earned their CISM designation.

CISM Complies With International Standard

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By hiring or retaining the services of a CISM, an organization has invested in a professional who has:

- Distinguished himself/herself from other industry or certified professionals
- Followed a career path to demonstrate information security management knowledge and skill
- Committed to maintaining skills through ongoing professional development

The CISM program requires certified individuals to:

- Acquire five years (three as an information security manager) of experience in information security
- Pass a rigorous exam
- Comply with annual requirements for continuing professional education

CISM is not an entry-level certification. It is specifically developed for the information security professional who has acquired experience managing information security. Individuals with three years or more of experience managing the information security function of an enterprise or performing such duties will find the CISM designation tailored to their knowledge and skills.

CISMs have experience and knowledge:

- Aligning information security strategies with business objectives

- Identifying and managing information security risks to achieve business objectives
- Managing an information security program
- Overseeing and directing information security activities
- Developing and managing an incident response and business continuity program

The CISM designation continues to grow in stature and influence. Those who hold this designation join a network of professionals known for their expertise in information security management, IT governance and risk management. Although the certification is new to the marketplace, more than 6,000 individuals worldwide have earned the CISM designation.

CISMs as Our Current and Future Leaders

A true indication of the individual and industry importance placed on any credential is in those who value it by attaining it.

A current profile of CISMs demonstrates the managerial influence and authority achieved by CISMs within their organizations:

- More than 800 serve as a chief information officer, chief executive officer or serve in another executive management position.
- Nearly 2,000 serve as an information security director, manager or consultant.
- More than 1,100 serve as an IT director, manager or consultant.

This strong executive and managerial presence demonstrates the importance of the credential and the quality of CISM professionals.

Hire or Encourage Staff Members to Become CISMs

"The workplace is highly competitive. Employers are more selective than ever. The CISM credential next to my name gives me an edge. It opens doorways that were previously closed."

Hitoshi Ota, CISM, CISA
IT Systems Risk Manager, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.,
Japan

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More and more organizations are recognizing the value of certifications like CISA and CISM and recommending or requiring that their employees be certified. In August 2004, the US Department of Defense (DoD) put into effect Directive 8570.1, which mandates that information security personnel be certified with a commercial accreditation approved by the DoD. CISA and CISM are both identified as approved accreditations, signifying the DoD's confidence in ISACA's credentials.