

Which ISACA Certification is Right for You?

	Key Areas	Career Stage	Average Salary Data*	Typical Job Titles for Certification Holders	Experience Required?	Exam Required?	Recommended Pre-requisites	Hands-on Labs	Recommended for Career Path Advancement	CPE Credit Hours
Information Technology Certified Associate	Comprised of stackable certificates in: • Fundamentals of Computing • Networks and Infrastructure • Cybersecurity • Software Development • Data Science	Early professional Recent graduate Student Switching careers Current IT professional seeking to reskill or upskill	Recently launched. Stats available 2022.	Applications Developer Systems Engineer Database Administrator Software Developer Computer Operator Technical Support Specialist Pc Technician Help Desk Analyst	None	Yes—1 exam for each of 5 certificates that make up the certification	None	Yes—hybrid performance and knowledge-based exam	IT Risk Fundamentals certificate Attain CPEs to stay up to date	CPE (Continuing Professional Education) is a key part of
CISA. Certified Information Systems Auditor.	Audit, control, monitor and assess IT and business systems using a risk-based approach	Entry to mid-level IT pros IT and internal auditors who audit for information security compliance Any role that is engaged in risk and compliance	North America: US\$128,086 Worldwide: US\$50k – US\$73k+	IT Auditor Compliance Analyst/Program Manager Risk Analyst/Program Manager Data Protection Manager Security Officer/ Security Manager IT Consultant	5-years of professional information systems auditing, control or security work.	Yes	Students or early career candidates:	No-knowledge-based exam	COBIT Foundation and Design and Implementation certificates CSX-P for hands-on skills in cybersecurity audit Certificate of Cloud Auditing Knowledge (CCAK)	maintaining your certification status. CPE credit hours are optional in Year 1 following initial certification. To maintain a
CRISC. Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control.	Deployment and management of enterprise IT risk and controls	Mid-level IT professionals looking for career growth in IT risk	North America: US\$141,172 Worldwide: US\$113,995	Risk and Security Manager IS or Business Analyst IS Manager Operations Manager Information Control Manager Chief Information Security or Compliance Officer	1-3 years of experience in IT risk and/or security and audit	Yes	Early career candidates: IT Risk Fundamentals certificate CISA certification a plus before starting	No-knowledge-based exam	CSX-P for hands-on skills in cybersecurity CISM and/or CGEIT to round out the knowledge and develop a more strategic mindset	certification, years 2 and thereafter require you to earn and report: • A minimum of 20 CPEs each year • A minimum of 120 CPEs over a 3-year period
CISM. Certified Information Security Manager.	Information security governance, managing risk, programs, incidents	Technical experts looking to strategic management positions Not for entry-level	North America: US\$142,585 Worldwide: US\$107,708	IT Architect Security Analyst Data Security Manager Security and Compliance Director VP/AVP Information Security CIO/CISO/CTO	5+ years of experience in technical IT security, cybersecurity	Yes	• CISA • CRISC	No-knowledge-based exam	CGEIT to get to an overarching governance role	Compliance with the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics Full CPE policies are available at isaca.org
CDPSE. Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer.	Creating and implementing technical privacy-by-design solutions	Technical IT professionals with some experience implementing privacy controls	Recently launched. Stats available late 2021	Data Analyst Privacy Engineer Privacy Solutions Architect Lead Privacy Manager IT Consultant	3-5 years of experience in 2+ domains: • Privacy Governance • Privacy Architecture • Data Lifecycle	Yes	• ITCA • CISA • CRISC	No-knowledge-based exam	Hands-on privacy labs, data science certificates	
CGEIT Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT.	Framework-agnostic governance, risk/benefit optimization	Highly experienced strategic IT professionals who are in the role of advisors to upper management and the board	North America: US\$90k - US\$200k+ Worldwide: US\$113,738	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	5+ years of experience in CGEIT domains : • IT Governance • IT Resources • Benefits Realization • Risk Optimization	Yes	• CISA • CRISC • CISM	No-knowledge-based exam	Training and CPE resources offered by ISACA or other organizations to keep up knowledge and skills	
CSX-P CSX Cybersecurity Practitioner.	• Identify • Protect • Detect • Respond • Recover	Technical cybersecurity practitioners looking to build upon or validate their skillset	US\$128,726	Cybersecurity Analyst DevOps Cybersecurity Engineer SOC Analyst Cybersecurity Compliance Manager Cybersecurity and IT Advisor Cybersecurity Investigator Network Engineer/Architect Vulnerability Analyst/Pen Tester	Foundational to intermediate IT and networking knowledge	Yes	Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate CSX Cybersecurity Technical Foundations Certificate	Yes-performance-based exam	CSX Cybersecurity Practitioner (CSX-P) Certification Course Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate CSX Cybersecurity Technical Foundations Certificate	
Certified in Emerging Technology An ISACA' Certification	Comprised of stackable certificates in:	IT Professionals looking to build knowledge or validate skillset around emerging technology.	Recently launched. Stats available 2022.	Emerging Technology Specialist Cloud Architect or Engineer Blockchain Analyst or Developer loT Architect or Engineer Software Engineer Al Integration Architect Al Success Manager	Foundational IT knowledge recommended	Yes—1 exam for each of 4 certificates that make up the certification	None	Yes—hybrid performance and knowledge-based exam	Additional Lab Packages CSX Emerging Technology Specialist Pathway Attain CPEs to stay up to date	