

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 Included?	Recommended for Career Path Advancement	CPE Credit Hours	
Information Technology Certified Associate	Comprised of stackable certificates in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamentals of Computing • Networks and Infrastructure • Cybersecurity • Software Development • Data Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early professional • Recent graduate • Student • Switching careers • Current IT professional seeking to reskill or upskill 	Recently launched. Stats available 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Risk Fundamentals certificate • Attain CPEs to stay up to date 	CPE (Continuing Professional Education) is a key part of maintaining your certification status.	
Certified Information Systems Auditor	Audit, control, monitor and assess IT and business systems using a risk-based approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Waivers of up to 3 years can apply with appropriate university experience and training.	Yes	Students or early career candidates: ITCA	No—knowledge-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBIT Foundation and Design and Implementation certificates • CSX-P for hands-on skills in cybersecurity audit • Certificate of Cloud Auditing Knowledge (CCAK) 	CPE credit hours are optional in Year 1 following initial certification.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early career candidates: IT Risk Fundamentals certificate • CISA certification a plus before starting 	No—knowledge-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSX-P for hands-on skills in cybersecurity • CISM and/or CGEIT to round out the knowledge and develop a more strategic mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 20 CPEs each year • A minimum of 120 CPEs over a 3-year period 	
Certified Information Security Manager	Information security governance, managing risk, programs, incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical experts looking to strategic management positions • Not for entry-level 	North America: US\$142,585 Worldwide: US\$107,708	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CISA • CRISC 	No—knowledge-based exam	CGEIT to get to an overarching governance role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics 	Full CPE policies are available at isaca.org
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Analyst • Privacy Engineer • Privacy Solutions Architect • Lead Privacy Manager • IT Consultant 	3-5 years of experience in 2+ domains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy Governance • Privacy Architecture • Data Lifecycle 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITCA • CISA • CRISC 	No—knowledge-based exam	Hands-on privacy labs, data science certificates		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Governance • IT Resources • Benefits Realization • Risk Optimization 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CISA • CRISC • CISM 	No—knowledge-based exam	Training and CPE resources offered by ISACA or other organizations to keep up knowledge and skills		
CSX Cybersecurity Practitioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify • Protect • Detect • Respond • Recover 	Technical cybersecurity practitioners looking to build upon or validate their skillset	US\$128,726	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate • CSX Cybersecurity Technical Foundations Certificate 	Yes—performance-based exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSX Cybersecurity Practitioner (CSX-P) Certification Course • Cybersecurity Fundamentals Certificate • CSX Cybersecurity Technical Foundations Certificate 		
Certified in Emerging Technology <small>An ISACA® Certification</small>	Comprised of stackable certificates in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloud • Blockchain • IoT • Artificial Intelligence 	IT Professionals looking to build knowledge or validate skillset around emerging technology.	Recently launched. Stats available 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging Technology Specialist • Cloud Architect or Engineer • Blockchain Analyst or Developer • IoT Architect or Engineer • Software Engineer • AI Integration Architect • AI 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Lab Packages • CSX Emerging Technology Specialist Pathway • Attain CPEs to stay up to date 		