



Certification training

Certified Internal Auditor

CIA

A certification of The IIA

Training for the three CIA exam parts: internal audit fundamentals, ethics, governance and fraud risk; then the engagement from planning to communication; then running the audit function, its quality and follow-up.

Delivered by Vertex Business, a professional certification training provider.



3 parts
per the 2025 syllabus



From plan
to report



Arabic available
by syllabus



Plan with us
before you enrol

Program details and enrolment

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The core professional path for internal auditors.



About the training

The CIA exam tests three layers of work: the profession's foundations, ethics, governance and control; running a full engagement; and managing the audit function. The training ties each domain to a real auditor's decision.

The exam at a glance

3 parts a separate exam each	125 questions in Part 1	3 years to pass all parts
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Per The IIA's CIA page and 2025 exam document, accessed 15 October 2026. Parts 2 and 3: 100 each.

What the exam measures



Professional knowledge

Standards, ethics, governance, risk and control as The IIA defines them.



Professional judgment

Choosing the right action in an audit situation: what to plan, gather and report.

SCENARIO ITEMS

How to work through an audit item

01

Find the stage

Planning, evidence, evaluation or communication?

02

Find the role

What is the auditor's responsibility, and what is management's?

03

Follow the standards

The action that keeps independence and has enough evidence.

For those in audit and control, or moving toward it.



This suits you if you:

- ✓ **Are an internal auditor**
And want a full professional framework for your daily work.
- ✓ **Work in external audit or accounting**
And are considering a move into internal audit.
- ✓ **Work in risk or compliance**
And need to understand the third line's role.
- ✓ **Lead an audit department**
And want to structure the plan, quality and follow-up.



Roles at this level

Illustrative roles that use this knowledge; hiring requirements vary by employer.

- ✓ **Internal auditor**
Carries out engagements, gathers evidence and drafts findings.
- ✓ **Audit engagement supervisor**
Reviews working papers and guides the engagement team.
- ✓ **Internal control specialist**
Assesses the design and effectiveness of process controls.
- ✓ **Internal audit manager**
Builds the annual plan and reports results to the audit committee.

ELIGIBILITY AND EXAM

Before you apply

Education and experience

A master's plus one year, or a bachelor's plus two; without a degree, the IAP route.

Program window

All three parts must be passed within three years.

After certification

The IIA requires 40 hours of continuing professional education a year.

Eligibility and exam on The IIA's official page [↗](#)

The three CIA exam parts and their domains

The 2025 syllabus divides the exam into three parts, each with published domain weights.

CIA 2025 syllabus

Part 1: Internal Audit Fundamentals

125 questions in
150 minutes

35% · Foundations of
Internal Auditing

20% · Ethics and
Professionalism

30% · Governance, Risk
Management, and Control

15% · Fraud Risks

Part 2: Internal Audit Engagement

100 questions in
120 minutes

50% · Engagement Planning

40% · Information
Gathering, Analysis, and
Evaluation

10% · Engagement
Supervision and
Communication

Part 3: Internal Audit Function

100 questions in
120 minutes

25% · Internal Audit
Operations

15% · Internal Audit Plan

15% · Quality of the Internal
Audit Function

45% · Engagement Results
and Monitoring



Arabic and the syllabus

The exam is available in Arabic on the 2019 syllabus through 27 December 2026, and on the 2025 syllabus from 28 December 2026. Settle syllabus and language before you start.

Source: The IIA's CIA page, 2025 exam document and syllabus pages, accessed 15 October 2026.

Every part shows up in a real audit engagement.

Each domain moves from the standard to a situation in an organization, then to an item that tests professional judgment.

01 Foundations and governance

Internal audit's mandate and standards, ethics and independence, governance, risk management and control, and fraud indicators.

Applied example A department head asks for a finding to be dropped before the report.

02 Running the engagement

Setting scope and objectives, gathering and analysing evidence, evaluating results, supervision and communication.

Applied example A purchasing sample shows orders split to stay under an approval limit.

03 Managing the function

The risk-based plan, function resources, the quality program, reporting results and monitoring actions.

Applied example Last year's findings are still open with no corrective plan.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

What you will be able to do

01 Apply standards and ethics

When independence is under pressure.

02 Plan an engagement

From scope to work program.

03 Evaluate evidence

And write a finding with clear cause and effect.

04 Build an annual plan

Based on risk, and follow up its results.

Audit is learned through cases, not definitions alone.



Short audit cases

Read a one-page situation and name the stage, the risk and the action the standards support.

Close to how judgment items are written.



A weights map

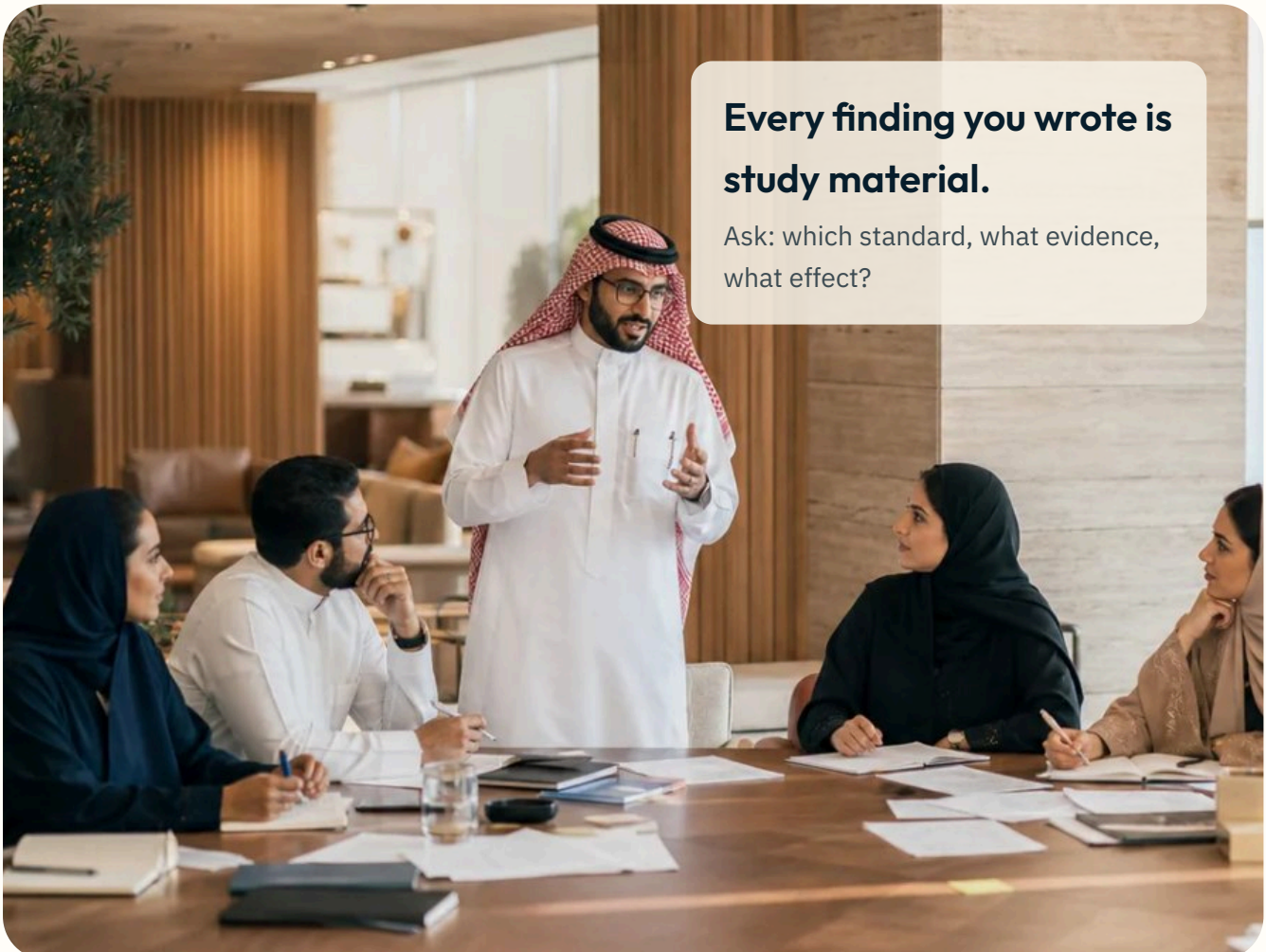
Spread your time within each part by domain weight, starting with the heaviest.

One domain can be half a part.



A plan that fits your time

Study format, dates and any accompanying materials are confirmed with the Vertex Business team before enrolment, based on your level and available time.



Every finding you wrote is study material.

Ask: which standard, what evidence, what effect?



STUDY PLAN

A practical plan for all three parts within the program window.

01 Settle syllabus and language

2025 or 2019, Arabic or English, before you register.

02 Start with Part 1

Foundations and ethics are the language of Parts 2 and 3.

03 Focus on governance and control

The second-heaviest domain in Part 1.

04 Move to the engagement

Planning alone is half of Part 2.

05 Finish with the function

Engagement results and monitoring are 45% of Part 3.

06 Spread the parts over time

Three exams in three years: give each part its date.

Knowledge items

Defining a standard or concept as The IIA syllabus uses it.

Judgment items

Choosing the action that fits a described audit situation.

“What impressed me most was the trainer’s care that the information landed and that everyone had a chance to take part... and pointing out what matters most in the material.”

— CPTD learner about the trainer after a session · translated from Arabic · published on the Vertex site

“An excellent session. I learned important things about the certification and benefited a lot... everything was explained so clearly that I had no questions left.”

— SHRM learner after a live session · translated from Arabic · published on the Vertex site

“This achievement would not have been possible without the support, guidance and training I received... which prepared me for the exam.”

— Learner who earned CPTD · translated from Arabic · public post shown on the Vertex site



About Vertex Business

Vertex Business provides professional certification training in talent development, human resources and project management, alongside a professional diploma in medical research and team training for organizations. Training pairs Arabic explanation that keeps the exam’s English terminology with application to real workplace decisions.

[Company details](#)



Applying for the exam

Applying to the CIA program, paying fees and scheduling each part are handled directly by The IIA.

[Official IIA CIA page](#)

COMPLETION CERTIFICATE AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL

Training completion requirements and the Vertex Business completion certificate are confirmed in the enrolment details.

The CIA professional credential itself is awarded by The IIA under its own requirements, after you pass its assessment.



Discuss your goal and choose how to study.



Scan with your phone camera

YOUR NEXT STEP

- ✓ Training topics and outcomes
- ✓ A level that fits your experience
- ✓ Available study formats and dates
- ✓ Details and price confirmed before enrolment

Open the program page →

01

Open the program page

Scan the code or tap the link.

02

Discuss your goal

Use the WhatsApp button on the program page.

03

Confirm the details

Study format, dates and price before enrolment.

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