Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC)

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Introduced in 2010, the CRISC certification is for IT and business professionals—including risk and compliance professionals, business analysts and project managers—who identify and manage risks through the development, implementation and maintenance of appropriate information systems (IS) controls. More than 18,000 professionals have earned the CRISC designation since inception. CRISC retention is more than 93 percent.

CRISC Focus Areas
The CRISC designation focuses on:
- Risk identification, assessment and evaluation
- Risk response
- Risk monitoring
- IS control design and implementation
- IS control monitoring and maintenance

CRISC Certification Requirements
To earn the CRISC certification, candidates are required to:
- Prove at least three years of cumulative work experience performing the tasks of a CRISC professional across at least three CRISC domains
- Pass the CRISC exam (offered worldwide every June and December in two languages at more than 250 locations)
- Adhere to the ISACA Code of Professional Ethics
- Agree to comply with the CRISC Continuing Education Policy

CRISC Relationship With Other ISACA Certifications
CRISC complements ISACA’s CISA, CISM and CGEIT certifications:
- **CRISC** is for IT and business professionals who design, implement and maintain IS controls, while **CISA** is designed for IT professionals who perform independent reviews of control design and operational effectiveness.
- **CRISC** is for IT professionals whose roles encompass security, operational and compliance considerations, while **CISM** is for individuals who manage, design, oversee and/or assess an enterprise’s information security, including the identification and management of information security risk.
• **CRISC** is for IT and business professionals who are engaged at an operational level to mitigate risk, while **CGEIT** is for IT and business professionals who have a significant management, advisory or assurance role relating to the governance of IT, including risk management.

### CRISC in the Workplace

- More than 3,700 serve as audit directors, managers, consultants and related staff.
- Nearly 3,500 are employed as security directors, managers, consultants and related staff.
- More than 3,400 are employed in managerial, consulting or related positions in IT operations or compliance.
- Nearly 2,100 are IT directors, managers, consultants and related staff.
- More than 1,400 are CIOs, CISOs, or chief compliance, risk or privacy officers.
- More than 600 CRISCs are CEOs, CFOs or equivalent executives.
- More than 400 serve as chief audit executives, audit partners or audit heads.

### CRISC Recognitions

- CRISC is the second highest-paying certification for 2015 in Certification Magazine’s [Jobs and Salary Annual Salary Survey](#).
- CRISC is the highest-paying certification for the second consecutive year, according to Global Knowledge’s [2015 IT Skills and Salary Survey](#).
- CRISC is listed as a prerequisite for the Australian Government iRAP certification.
- CRISC is among the top five highest-paying IT certifications in the [Foote Partners IT Skills and Certification Pay Index™ (ITSCPI)](#) for the quarter ending 1 July 2014.
- Certifications Pay Index™ (ITSCPI) for 1 October 2013 – 1 January 2014.
- CRISC is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the International Standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024.
- The Australian Signals Directorate listed CRISC as a prerequisite for its [Information Security Registered Assessor Program](#).
- *SC Magazine* selected CRISC as the 2013 “Best Professional Certification Program” in the Professional Awards category. CRISC was a finalist in 2012.
- CRISC was listed as the second-highest-paying certification in the 2012 IT Skills and Salary Survey by Global Knowledge and TechRepublic.
- The State of West Virginia Office of Information Security and Controls used the five CRISC domains and task statements to develop a checklist for use in risk assessments for HIPAA compliance.

### CRISC In the News

- In an article titled “[Cyberattacks Focus Employers on Security Certifications](#),” Dice.com states, “CRISC is quickly gaining traction and attention.”
- *CIO Magazine*: CRISC is listed in 18 Hot IT Certifications for 2014.
- *InfoWorld*: “[Good news, job seekers: IT certifications are hot again](#)” – Article lists CRISC on list of IT certifications earning workers above-average pay premiums and states it is expected to grow at a brisk pace.
- *Business Insider*: “15 More Tech Skills That Can Instantly Net You A $100,000+ Salary” includes CRISC on the list of high earners.
- Securitas Operandi: In “Insights into CRISC certification quality,” Peter Gregory describes the rigorous process of creating questions for ISACA CRISC exams.
- CIO Magazine: CRISC is listed in 23 IT Certifications That Mean Higher Pay."
- Computer World: “Career Watch: A Certification for Risk Professionals” states that the CRISC credential is helpful to those in both risk and control.
- Internet@Suite101: CRISC is listed among certifications that “improve technology careers.”
- In a SearchSecurity.com article, David Foote (CEO and chief research officer of Foote Partners) recommends the CRISC certification: “Given where we see the market going [integrating more with business], that one probably will be very influential. We don't know of any other certification on the market quite like it.”