ISACA Credentialing Fact Sheet

ISACA’s portfolio of experience-based certifications has provided ISACA the recognition of being the global leader in business technology certifications. ISACA’s Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) and Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT) certifications are accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the International Standard ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2012. There are more than 160,000 certification holders around the world. For more information, visit www.isaca.org/credentialing.

Certified Information Systems Auditor® (CISA®)
www.isaca.org/credentialing/cisa

Since 1978, the CISA certification has been a globally accepted standard of achievement among information systems (IS) audit, control and security professionals. More than 158,000 professionals have earned the CISA designation since inception.

The CISA certification is sought by those who audit, control, monitor and assess an enterprise’s information technology and business systems. CISAs are recognized internationally as professionals with the assurance knowledge, skills, experience and credibility necessary to leverage standards, manage vulnerabilities, ensure compliance, offer solutions, validate controls and deliver value to the enterprise. The CISA often is a mandatory qualification for employment as an information systems (IS) auditor.

CISA is among the top fifteen highest-paying IT certifications based on the 2020 IT Skills and Salary Report conducted by Global Knowledge, with an average salary in the United States of US $132,278. CISA was ranked as the most popular cyber certification in all regions outside North America in Global Knowledge’s 2019 IT Skills and Salary Report.

Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC)
www.isaca.org/credentialing/crisc

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 risk through the development, implementation and maintenance of appropriate information systems (IS) controls. More than 28,000 professionals have earned the CRISC designation since inception.

CRISC ranks fourth among the top fifteen highest-paying certifications globally for 2020 based on the 2020 IT Skills and Salary Report conducted by Global Knowledge, with an average salary in the United States of US $146,480. CRISC also ranked in the top five in popularity of
cyber certifications in all regions in the 2019 IT Skills and Salary Report by Global Knowledge.

**Certified Information Security Manager® (CISM®)  
www.isaca.org/credentialing/cism**

Sought after by experienced information security managers, the CISM certification is a groundbreaking credential earned by more than 50,000 professionals since it was established in 2002. The management-focused CISM is the globally accepted achievement for individuals who develop, build and manage enterprise information security programs.

CISM was the winner of the 2020 SC Awards “Best Professional Certification Program,” marking the second time in three years that CISM received this recognition. CISM was the winner of the 2018 SC Europe Awards for “Best Professional Training or Certification Programme,” the eighth year in a row it was named an SC Awards 2018 finalist in this category for the North American awards. CISM ranks third on the top fifteen highest-paying IT certifications based on the 2020 IT Skills and Salary Report conducted by Global Knowledge, with an average salary in the United States of US $148,622. According to the 2019 IT Skills and Salary Report from Global Knowledge, CISM also ranks in the top five in popularity of cyber certifications in all regions.

**Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)  
www.isaca.org/credentialing/cgeit**

Introduced in 2007, the CGEIT credential is for professionals who manage or provide advisory and assurance services that support the governance of an enterprise’s IT. CGEIT-certified professionals deliver on the focus areas of IT governance and approach it holistically, enhancing value to enterprises. More than 8,500 professionals have earned the CGEIT credential to date. The skills validated by CGEIT are in high demand, and the average salary for a CGEIT is over $141,000, according to the 2019 Global Knowledge Skills and Salary Report.

The CGEIT exam content outline is newly updated to reflect the evolving technology environment and the latest knowledge and skills that professionals need to strengthen governance at their organizations—including the governance of enterprise IT, IT resources, benefits realization, and risk optimization.
ISACA also offers the **CSX Cybersecurity Practitioner Certification (CSX-P)** – the first and only comprehensive performance certification testing one’s ability to perform globally validated cybersecurity skills spanning five security functions – Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover – derived from the [NIST Cybersecurity Framework](https://www.nist.gov/cybersecurity-framework). The CSX-P exam was updated in 2020 to reflect the job tasks of today’s cybersecurity practitioner.

**CDPSE Certification**
www.isaca.org/credentialing/cdpse

Introduced in May 2020, the Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE) certification is the first experience-based, technical certification of its kind. CDPSE assesses a technology professional’s ability to implement privacy by design to enable organizations to enhance privacy technology platforms and products that provide benefits to consumers, build trust and advance data privacy.

As privacy requires complex collaboration across multiple functions in an organization, CDPSE is also designed to validate privacy technologists’ ability to work cross-functionally with the legal team, policy department, engineers, software developers, database administrators, and back-end and front-end experts, while playing a key role throughout the planning, development and delivery of IT privacy solutions.

Through March 2021, qualified individuals can earn the CDPSE through an early adoption period. Those with five years of experience (or three years and additional qualifying certifications) may earn the credential without taking an exam.

**Earning an ISACA Certification**
To earn an ISACA certification, candidates are required to pass the certification exam, demonstrate proven experience in the respective profession, agree to comply with the continuing education policy and follow ISACA’s [Code of Professional Ethics](https://www.isaca.org/about/isaca-code-of-professional-ethics). For more information, download the [ISACA Exam Candidate Information Guide](https://www.isaca.org/certification). For more information on earning the CSX-P, visit the [CSX-P Exam Candidate Information Guide](https://www.isaca.org/certification).

**TechCred Partnership**
In 2020, the State of Ohio Workforce added ISACA’s CISA, CISM and CGEIT certifications to their program. At TechCred, any state of Ohio employer can pay for employees’ training, study materials and exam costs. Upon passing the exam they will reimburse the employer for all costs related to getting any of these three certifications. For more information, visit [www.techcred.ohio.gov](http://www.techcred.ohio.gov/).

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