

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

The CIA Examination is given twice a year in May and November. The exam consists of four 3 1/2 hour parts that are administered over a two day period (total time = 14 hours). Each part consists of 125 multiple-choice questions. The four parts are titled:

1. The Internal Audit Activity's Role in Governance, Risk, and Control
2. Conducting the Internal Audit Engagement
3. Business Analysis and Information Technology
4. Business Management Skills

Candidates may take all four parts in one sitting, but this is not mandatory. Candidates may elect to take one or more exam parts at any time during a program eligibility period and the exam parts may be taken in any order. For example, a candidate may elect to begin by taking only Part III of the exam.

CIA candidates must hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited collegiate institution, but students in their senior year of college may sit for the CIA Examination prior to completing their degree requirement. Candidates holding one or more designated professional certifications (e.g., CPA, CFE, CMA, CISA) will receive "Professional Recognition Credit" and are not required to take Part IV of the CIA Examination. To be awarded the CIA certification a candidate must also have at least 24 months of internal auditing experience, or equivalent. The equivalent experience must be in audit/assessment disciplines (e.g., external auditing). CIA candidates may sit for the CIA Examination before fulfilling the experience requirement.

Further information can be obtained by going to the Institute of Internal Auditor's website at www.theiia.org