



Is the CIA Challenge Exam right for you?

The CIA Challenge Exam is designed for auditors who already hold a professional accounting certificate or license and want to become a Certified Internal Auditor. The exam combines CIA Parts 1, 2, and 3 and excludes information tested on the certificate or license that you already hold, so it's a faster and more affordable way to earn your CIA if you qualify.

CIA Challenge Exam at a glance

- 150 MCQs
- 3-hour time limit
- Offered only in English
- Scaled score of 600 points (out of 750) required to pass
- Choose from Pearson VUE's online or in-person testing options

Savings Breakdown

Here's how much time and money you can save by taking the Challenge Exam.

Cost

	IIA Members	Non-Members
Regular CIA exam	\$2,074	\$2,264
CIA Challenge Exam	\$1,195	\$1,545
Total Savings	\$879	\$719

In addition to these savings, there are other benefits of membership with The IIA. Learn more in our [IIA member benefit blog](#).

Time

Regular CIA exam

Part 1

🕒 65-75 hours

📅 6-8 weeks

Part 2

🕒 75-85 hours

📅 7-9 weeks

Part 3

🕒 115-125 hours

📅 11-13 weeks

CIA Challenge Exam

🕒 140-150 hours total

📅 Average of 10-13 weeks

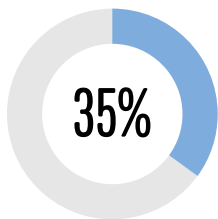
Total Savings

🕒 115-135 hours total

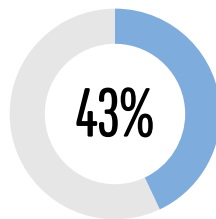
📅 14-17 weeks

What's on the CIA Challenge Exam?

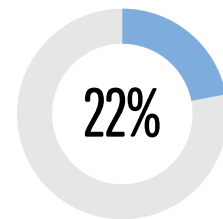
The IIA's CIA Challenge Exam syllabus shows the domains and testable topics from the full CIA exam that you'll encounter. This is the percentage of topics pulled from each CIA exam part:



CIA Part 1
Essentials of
Internal Auditing



CIA Part 2
Practice of Internal
Auditing



CIA Part 3
Business Knowledge
for Internal Auditing

The [syllabus](#) also divides topics into two categories based on proficiency:

- **Basic (B)** – You only need a fundamental understanding of these topics.
- **Proficient (P)** – You must have a deep understanding of, and the ability to apply, these topics.

Preparing for an English Exam

Because the CIA Challenge Exam is only offered in English, it's important that you practice answering questions in English. Try our free CIA Challenge Exam course demo to get familiar with the topics in English and experience the type of questions you will see on exam day!

How to Register



Challenge Exam Timeline

Application Window:

 August - September 2021

Registration Window:

 Continuous

Scheduling Window:

 Continuous

Exam Windows:

 November 2021
January 2022
April 2022*
July 2022*
November 2022*

* Retake Windows

You have 180 days from the date your application is approved to register, schedule, and sit for the exam.

If you don't pass, you have to register to retake your exam. You have 3 years to complete the program.

The best way to prepare for the CIA Challenge Exam

For over 40 years, more CIAs have trusted Gleim to help them prepare than any other course on the market.

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