



CIA



At a Glance

The Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) is a designation sponsored by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). For over 25 years the CIA designation has reflected competence in the principles and practices of internal auditing and has served as the only internationally accepted designation for internal auditors worldwide. Attaining the CIA designation outwardly indicates your achievement and commitment to the profession. Furthermore, it offers you additional expertise and thorough knowledge of operations. The CIA is a valuable resource to executive management and boards of directors in accomplishing overall goals and objectives.

Giving You the Edge

The advantages of being a CIA are many:

- Have the professional ability to efficiently control, identify risks, and examine remedies with respect to current practice of internal auditing
- Understand the 21st century management principles
- The worldwide recognition of the CIA designation allows members the opportunity to practice globally in the field of internal auditing
- Upward movement in the auditing profession
- Being distinguished from other candidates competing for the same job
- Access to more and higher paying jobs
- Personal satisfaction for attaining a recognized and prestigious measure of competency
- Professional and social status
- Facilitates auditors' transition to top management positions

Spotlight on CIAs

▼ The value of Internal Auditing

Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

▼ Main functions of a CIA

Evaluating the effectiveness of financial and operating controls

Testing for compliance with company plans, policies, and procedures

Determining the extent to which company assets are accounted for and safeguarded from loss or damage

Evaluating the reliability of management data generated within the organization

Measuring the effectiveness of company performance

Review the economical and efficient use of resources

Furnishes top management with analysis, appraisals, information, counsel, and recommendations concerning the activities reviewed

Establishes operational goals and objectives

Encompasses financial activities and operations including:

- Systems
- Production
- Marketing
- Human resources
- Engineering

▼ Career opportunities

Currently, firms seeking internal auditors are increasingly specifying the CIA designation as the desired professional credential and the evidence of professional competence. These firms include, but are not limited to, sectors such as:

- Banks
- Government
- Big Four
- Universities
- International firms
- Financial corporations