



Information  
Technology  
Certified Associate.  
An ISACA® Certification

# Take Your First Step Towards IT Career Success

with the ISACA® Information Technology  
Certified Associate™ Certification.

*Your guide to attaining the ISACA ITCA™ certification  
and demonstrating your vital skills and expertise.*



# ISACA Information Technology Certified Associate Planning

## Your Guide to ITCA Certification

### GET THE FACTS!

Learn how to register, prepare for and maintain your ISACA® ITCA™ certification and realize the many benefits for your career.



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# ITCA Facts

The ISACA® Information Technology Certified Associate™ Certification is **made up of five certificate programs** that cover fundamental knowledge and basic skills through performance testing in a live, proctored, virtual environment that assess the key IT areas of computing, networks and infrastructure, cybersecurity, data science and software development.



**COMPUTING  
FUNDAMENTALS**  
An ISACA® Certificate

**NETWORKS AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
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**CYBERSECURITY  
FUNDAMENTALS**  
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**DATA SCIENCE  
FUNDAMENTALS**  
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**SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDAMENTALS**  
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**No relevant or professional work experience is required** to earn the ISACA Information Technology Certified Associate Certification. The five certificates that make up the certification validate fundamental knowledge and basic skills through performance-based testing of computing, networks and infrastructure, cybersecurity, data science and software development.

The certificate exams are made up of **60 multiple choice questions and 9 to 12 performance-based questions** which must be completed in 2 hours.



The ISACA ITCA Certification is **remotely proctored** and doesn't require traveling to a testing facility.



# Benefits of Being ITCA Certified



**ISACA certifications are among the most recognized and top-paying in the IT industry.**

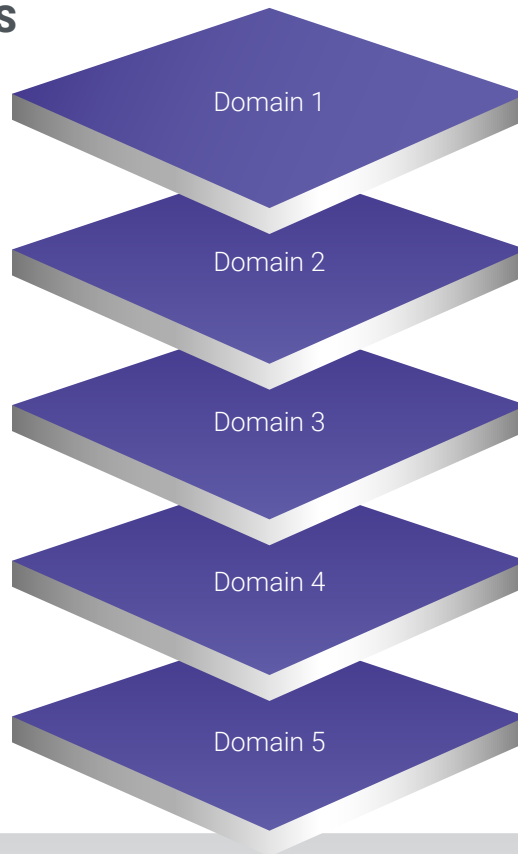
Three ISACA credentials are among the IT industry's top-paying certifications, according to recently released data from the Global Knowledge 2020 IT Skills and Salary Survey.

*"ISACA credentials are a key differentiator for technology professionals because they demonstrate a solid foundation of knowledge and expertise to successfully navigate today's challenging global environment... My ISACA certifications have served me well by providing professional credibility and are an essential investment in my professional development and career."*

– ISACA CISM, CRISC and CISA Holder

# Your Roadmap to Becoming ITCA Certified Starts Here

**JOB PRACTICE AREAS TESTED FOR AND VALIDATED BY ITCA CERTIFICATION:**



**COMPUTING**  
FUNDAMENTALS

**NETWORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
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## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE ITCA EXAM

Move your career forward with the ITCA certification, a part of the globally recognized ISACA certification portfolio.

**ITCA Exam Study Materials**—Available in print or digital format

**Online Learning**—ISACA offers a variety of online learning courses for certification exam preparation and continuing professional education.

**In-Person Review Courses**—Offered by ISACA accredited training partners and chapters in numerous countries.

**Lab Packages**—Build on and reinforce critical skills required to accomplish real-world technical tasks in an online virtual training environment.



## SHARPEN YOUR INSIGHTS WITH ITCA EXAM REVIEW MATERIALS

ITCA Exam Review Materials\*—To help optimize your preparation for the ITCA certification exam, ISACA offers several study solutions which can be accessed here. In English, these include:

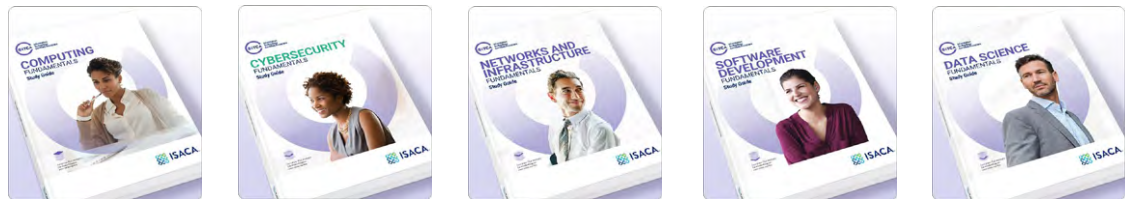
### ISACA Online Courses

Interactive, self-guided hybrid learning courses that blend both knowledge and performance-based training components. This blend of knowledge and hands-on application provides a truly unique and dynamic learning experience that builds and reinforces the critical skills required to perform many of the technical tasks that the IT work environment demands.



### ISACA Study Guides

Authored by global industry experts, the study guide helps build your knowledge of specific fundamental domains, outlines what to expect from the exam, and offers example questions complete with recommended answers.



### Virtual Instructor-Led Training

Join an expert ITCA domain area certified trainer and fellow exam candidates for a unique, online exam-prep experience. This intensive, virtual instructor-led course will cover some of the more challenging ITCA topics. Drill through sample exam items, interact and ask your most pressing questions and get the answers to build your confidence as you prepare for exam day.

### In-Person Review Courses

Provides the learner the opportunity to study with an experienced, certified professional. These courses are offered by ISACA chapters and accredited training partners across the globe. Courses are offered by ITCA domain area.

\* The ISACA certification process and the ISACA test preparation curriculum are administered and designed independently. ISACA in no way seeks to imply or represent that utilizing ISACA exam preparation material will result in any form of partiality in the certification process.

# Passing the Exam is the First Step

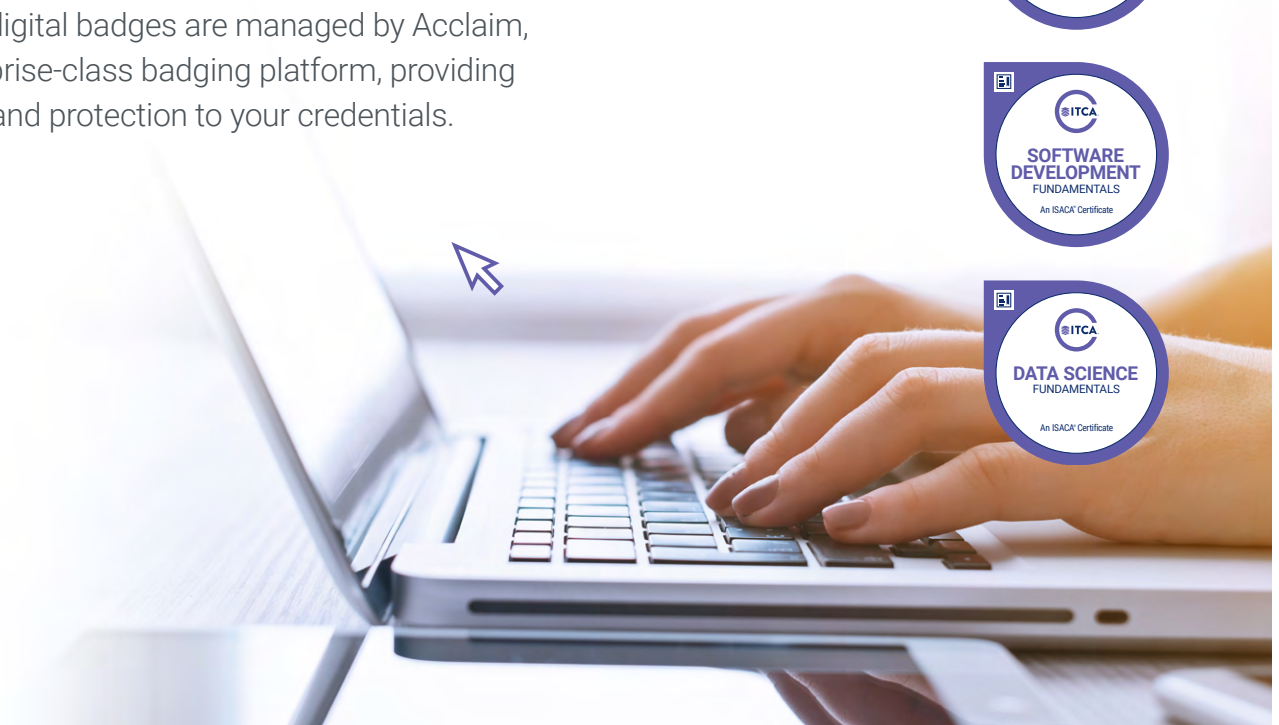
The hard part is over. You passed the five ITCA Certificate exams, now you just need to apply for your certification and complete the process. Maintain your hard-earned ITCA certification and be a part of the vibrant ISACA professional community by:

- Participating in [continuing professional education](#) (CPE) programs.
- Adhering to a [professional code of ethics](#).
- Take advantage of member savings on CPEs and certification renewals by [joining ISACA](#).

## Put your digital badge to use!

- Display your abilities securely online
- Share your real-time, verifiable achievement with peers and prospective employers
- Reflect the effort and process to earn your ITCA
- Export for display on other platforms and social media

ISACA's digital badges are managed by Acclaim, an enterprise-class badging platform, providing security and protection to your credentials.



# Maintain Your ITCA Certification

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) is crucial in order to remain current in your skills and expertise and ahead in your career. The principal aspect of maintaining your ITCA involves compliance with the ITCA CPE Policy by earning a minimum of 20 CPEs annually, a minimum of 10 hours must be attained by participating in skills-based training/labs\*, and a total of 120 CPEs over a 3-year period.

## Useful ideas for earning CPEs

ISACA offers opportunities to earn CPE through a variety of programs and events, including:



### Webinars and Virtual Conferences

Earn up to 40 free CPEs per year  
[Get details](#)



### Training Courses

Earn up to 32 CPEs per course  
[See the Training Week schedule](#)



### Serving as an ISACA Volunteer

Earn up to 20 free CPEs per year  
[More information](#)



### Conferences

Earn up to 21 CPEs per event  
[Learn more](#)



### Journal Quizzes

Earn one CPE for each of six journals per year  
[Quizzes can be found here](#)



### Lab Packages

Earn performance-based CPEs  
[Find Labs](#)



### Online Training

Earn up to 14 CPEs per course  
[Find course descriptions](#)



### Cybersecurity Nexus™ (CSX) Training Platform

Find courses, labs and credentials  
[Find Labs](#)

### Additional activities that can earn you CPEs include:

- Teaching/lecturing/presenting
- Publication of articles, monographs and books
- Vendor sales/marketing presentations
- Exam question development and review
- Passing related professional examinations
- Working on ISACA Boards/Committees
- Contributions to IS audit and control profession
- And more

\* When reporting skills-based training/lab activities for CPE, be sure to select a qualifying activity that says: "Skills-Based Activities – Must Contain Lab Exercises". The CPE reporting system will not apply the hours towards your skills-based requirement unless a skills-based qualifying activity is selected.



# ITCA Certification at a Glance



**Take the first step towards obtaining  
your ITCA certification!**

Register today at [www.isaca.org/ITCA](http://www.isaca.org/ITCA)



## **Not a member of ISACA?**

Just A.S.K. how you can save on ITCA exam registration, study materials and maintenance—including free CPE hours!

**An ISACA membership may even pay for itself, [find out more!](#)**



# Show the World What You Have Accomplished

Get recognized with the ITCA certification.

## About ISACA

The ISACA community is guided by our Purpose and Promise, which defines the essence of who we are and what we do. Our Purpose is the reason we exist—to help business technology professionals and their enterprises around the world realize the positive potential of technology. Our Promise is how we, as an organization and as individuals, deliver on our Purpose: inspiring confidence that enables innovation through technology. Our work, and the work of the professional community we support, has never been more important.

ISACA has served our professional community for more than 50 years. The association was incorporated as the EDP Auditors Association in 1969 by a small group of individuals who recognized a need for a centralized source of information and guidance in the new field of electronic data processing audit. Today, ISACA serves 145,000 professionals in 180 countries, who span several roles in assurance, governance, risk and information security.



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**Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control.**  
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**Certified Information Security Manager.**  
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**Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT.**  
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**CSX Cybersecurity Practitioner.**  
An ISACA® Certification



**Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer.**  
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