

OUR LEARNING EXCLUSIVE

- Custom exam prep software and materials
- Exam delivery in the classroom, with a **98% success rate**
- Course-specific thinQtank® Learning publications to keep the learning engaging
- Extended hours of training, including immersive hands-on exercises
- **We do not teach the test.** We always deliver valuable hands-on experience
- All reading material and study guides sent to you when you register
- Every course taught by working security leaders

TRAINING CAMP FORMAT

thinQtank® Learning delivers this course as an **instructor-led training camp**, with the exam sat in the classroom as part of the camp. Camps are scheduled by cohort rather than to a fixed calendar, and the balance of lecture and lab work is set to suit the group and the delivery method. Contact us for the schedule covering your dates.

PREREQUISITES

- Practical experience of information security work, and of the organization it protects
- A working understanding of risk, controls, and how a business makes spending decisions
- No certification is required to sit the exam — the experience requirement applies when you APPLY to certify, not when you test

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Information security managers, and those about to become one
- Security architects and senior engineers moving into program ownership
- Risk, compliance and governance staff who own part of the program
- IT managers and directors who carry security responsibility

EXAM

⚠ **The exam outline changes on 3 November 2026. Every class on this schedule runs after that date, so every student will sit the NEW outline. The four domains listed are the ones ISACA names today. Domain weightings are not published on this sheet, because the current ones will not apply to anyone taking this course.**

ISACA CISM — Certified Information Security Manager

Currently 150 multiple-choice questions over four hours, scaled score of 450 or better on a scale of 200 to 800. ISACA has not said whether these change in November.

Five years of information security MANAGEMENT experience, across at least three of the four domains and within the ten years before you apply, is required to certify. You may sit the exam first: you then have five years from passing to apply.

COURSE OVERVIEW

thinQtank® Learning offers an industry-unique training camp in which students earn the **ISACA CISM** certification. As with all our ISACA training experiences, the exam is delivered in the classroom.

CISM is the MANAGEMENT credential. It is not about configuring the control — it is about deciding which controls exist, what they cost, who owns them, and how you know they work. It covers governance and the authority behind it, risk management in the language the board uses, the design and running of the security program itself, and incident management for when the program is tested.

That is what separates it from a technical certification, and it is why it appears in job postings for security manager, head of security and CISO. The **exam registration is available** at \$760 USD.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Primary course objectives:

- Establish security governance, and the organizational authority that makes it real
- Align a security strategy with what the business is actually trying to do
- Build the policy, standard and procedure structure a program rests on
- Identify, assess and treat security risk, and report it in business terms
- Run a risk register that informs decisions rather than decorating a shelf
- Design a security program: scope, resources, roles and roadmap
- Select and justify controls on cost and risk reduction, not on fashion
- Manage third-party and supply-chain security risk
- Measure the program with metrics that survive a board meeting
- Build and run incident management: preparation, classification, escalation, response
- Plan and test continuity and recovery alongside incident response
- Communicate with executives and regulators during and after an incident

DELIVERY METHODS

- Instructor-led training
- Immersive live-online training
- On-site and custom delivery

WHAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO

- Build a security program the business will fund and follow
- Report risk in terms a board can act on, not a control list
- Justify a control on cost and risk reduction, not on fashion
- Run an incident, and the communication around it, without losing the room

EXCLUSIVE LEARNING PACKAGE

- Security program design workshop pack
- Risk register and board-reporting templates
- Incident management tabletop scenarios
- CISM video course
- CISM reading plan and review guide
- CISM certification practice exam

COURSE MODULES

01 Information Security Governance

- Topic A: Governance structures, authority and accountability
- Topic B: Security strategy, and aligning it to business objectives
- Topic C: Policies, standards, procedures and guidelines
- Topic D: Roles, responsibilities and organizational culture
- Topic E: Legal, regulatory and contractual obligations

02 Information Security Risk Management

- Topic A: Risk identification and the asset picture behind it
- Topic B: Risk assessment, analysis and appetite
- Topic C: Treatment, acceptance and residual risk
- Topic D: Risk monitoring, reporting and the risk register
- Topic E: Third-party and supply-chain risk

03 Information Security Program

- Topic A: Program scope, resources and roadmap
- Topic B: Control selection, design and justification
- Topic C: Awareness, training and security culture
- Topic D: Integrating security into business and IT processes
- Topic E: Metrics, assurance and reporting to the board

04 Incident Management

- Topic A: Preparation, readiness and the response plan
- Topic B: Classification, escalation and containment
- Topic C: Investigation, eradication and recovery
- Topic D: Communication with executives, regulators and the business
- Topic E: Continuity, recovery testing and post-incident review

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