

Introduction to AAIA & Career Opportunities in AAIA & CISA

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Leading the future of Digital Trust – From Audit to AI

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Introduction

Artificial Intelligence is no longer a future concept; it is now embedded in financial services, banking, fintech, telecoms, public sector systems, and even everyday business processes. As organisations adopt AI to drive efficiency, automate decisions, detect fraud, and analyse risk, the demand for professionals who can govern, audit, and assure AI systems has grown dramatically.

There is therefore need for IT Auditors to upskill to:

- Understand and evaluate AI governance frameworks
- Assess AI risks, controls, and regulatory compliance
- Audit AI/ML models across their lifecycle
- Identify issues such as bias, drift, explainability gaps, and data quality weaknesses
- Provide assurance to boards, regulators, and stakeholders on the safe and responsible use of AI.

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What is AAIA?

- Advanced in Artificial Intelligence Audit (AAIA)
- Leading global auditing artificial intelligence (AI) Certification.
- One- stage multiple choice exam
- 90 multiple choice scenario-based exam
- 2 hours 30 mins
- 3 parts : AI Governance & Risk, AI Operations and AI Auditing Tools & Techniques

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Why Become an AAIA

- AAIA+ CISA signals governance across legacy systems and advanced AI ecosystems.
- AI is the future of work
- New career pathways in AI audit, model risk management, AI assurance and compliance.
- Expands capability beyond traditional IT controls -AI models, data pipelines, algorithmic risks, and ethical impact.
- Less than 1k AAIA Globally

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Benefits of Being an AAIA

- One of the first to gain a global AI Assurance certification.
- Competitive advantage in the international job market- Big 4 firms, Industry and Commerce
- Enhances your earning potential, as AI governance and AI assurance skills attract premium compensation
- Complements ICAN, ACCA, and CISA, allowing you to bridge traditional financial audit with modern AI/ML system assurance
- Opens opportunities for global remote work – Upwork, Fiver, Outlier.

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Current Certification Facts

- Fastest growing AI specialist certification by any Association.
- Now required for IT audit roles globally as firms adopt AI swiftly.
- Key qualification for AI Governance and Assurance
- Designed exclusively for professionals with CISA® and other qualified high-level audit certifications.

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AAIA

Domains & Percentages

Domain 1: 33%

AI Governance & Risk

Covers governance frameworks, AI risk management, regulatory alignment (NIST AI RMF, ISO/IEC 42001, EU AI Act), ethical considerations, and planning an AI audit.

Domain 2: 46%

AI Operations

The largest domain. Focuses on the AI/ML lifecycle: data quality, feature engineering, model development, deployment, monitoring, drift detection, bias assessment, explainability, and AI security.

Domain 3: 21%

AI Auditing Tools & Techniques

Covers AI-specific audit methodologies, evidence gathering, sampling/testing of AI controls, model documentation (model cards, datasheets), continuous auditing, and automated audit tools.

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Exam Structure

- One-stage global exam
- Computer-Based Test
- 90 multiple-choice questions
- 2.30 hours duration
- Passing score: 450/800
- Can be taken at test centres
OR online from home (remote proctoring)

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Test Centres in Nigeria

Lagos

Abuja

Port Harcourt

*Exams can also be taken online
from home via online remote
proctored .*

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Membership & Exam Fees

ISACA Membership:

\$165

AAIA Exam Fee (Member):

~\$459

AAIA Exam Fee (Non-member):

~\$599

Fees subject to periodic updates

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AAIA/CISA Employment /Consulting Opportunities

- AI Assurance Manager
- AI Controls Testing Specialist
- AI Governance & Assurance Lead
- AI Model Audit Specialist
- IT Audit Manager (AI-Focused)
- Technology Risk Manager – AI/ML
- Digital Audit Lead
- Enterprise Risk Manager – AI Governance
- Model Risk Manager (AI/ML Models)
- AI Risk Officer

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AAIA/CISA Employment /Consulting Opportunities

- AI Process Implementation Auditors
- AI Governance office
- AI Compliance Officer
- AI Auditor / AI Assurance Analyst
- AI Controls Testing Specialist
- AI Model Validation Analyst
- AI Explainability Analyst
- AI Bias & Fairness Analyst
- AI Lifecycle Assurance Specialist
- AI AML/Transaction Monitoring Analyst

Don't get left behind — the future of audit is AI-powered!



If you want to remain relevant in the next 3–5 years, this is the room you must be in. Join us and stay ahead in the age of AI transformation.

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