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# Introduction

The **Global AI Certification Council (GAICC)** offers an advanced professional credential for senior artificial-intelligence governance and compliance leaders known as the **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (SLA)**.

This certification validates a practitioner's competence to **lead, coordinate, and report complex audits** of **Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (AIMS)** in accordance with **ISO/IEC 42001: 2023** and **ISO 19011: 2018**. It affirms the ability to direct multi-disciplinary audit teams, integrate multi-standard management-system assessments, and evaluate the maturity, ethics, and cross-border accountability of AI-governance frameworks.

The **Senior Lead Auditor** credential represents applied mastery in assessing an organisation's AIMS at strategic and operational levels — analysing governance structures, AI-risk and impact management, data-sovereignty compliance, lifecycle-control effectiveness, transparency mechanisms, and continual-improvement maturity.

GAICC develops and administers its certifications in alignment with **ISO/IEC 17024 (Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons)** to ensure impartiality, transparency, and validity. Each GAICC examination is **competency-based**, derived from global practice analyses, and psychometrically validated to reflect the evolving responsibilities of AI-governance auditors, assurance specialists, and regulatory professionals worldwide.

This **Examination Content Outline (ECO)** defines:

- The domains of competence required of a certified Senior Lead Auditor.
- The tasks and enabling activities that demonstrate mastery within each domain.
- The relative weighting of each domain in the overall assessment.

The **SLA examination** evaluates knowledge and skills required to **lead first-, second-, and third-party AIMS audits**, manage multi-site and multi-jurisdictional engagements, assess organisational maturity, and advise on continual-improvement and governance-integration strategies.

Questions are authored and validated by international subject-matter experts from government, academia, and industry to ensure accuracy, fairness, and global applicability. Each item maps directly to the **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor ECO** and references authoritative sources including ISO/IEC 42001, ISO 19011, GAICC Guidance Documents, and related standards such as ISO 9001 (Quality Management), ISO/IEC 27001 (Information Security Management), ISO/IEC 27701 (Privacy Information Management), and ISO 37301 (Compliance Management Systems).

This document serves as both the blueprint for the **GAICC Senior Lead Auditor examination** and a **professional-development guide** for audit-team leaders, consultants, and organisations committed to advancing responsible, transparent, and accountable AI-governance practice.

# Exam Content Outline

The **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (SLA)** examination measures a candidate's ability to **apply advanced auditing principles and techniques** to plan, direct, and evaluate complex **Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS) audits** in accordance with **ISO/IEC 42001: 2023** and **ISO 19011: 2018**.

The outline below defines the major **domains of professional competence** and the **approximate weighting** of questions from each domain on the examination.

Each domain comprises a series of **tasks**—the key responsibilities expected of a Senior Lead Auditor—and corresponding **enablers**, which illustrate the knowledge, behaviours, and artefacts demonstrating mastery in practice.

The distribution ensures **balanced coverage across the full AIMS audit and leadership lifecycle**, encompassing:

- Governance and strategic leadership of AI audit programmes,
- Multi-standard and cross-jurisdictional integration,
- Performance and maturity evaluation, and
- Ethical, transparent, and accountable audit conduct in responsible-AI ecosystems.

## Domains and Weightings

Domain	Description	Approximate Weight on Exam
<b>I. Strategic Governance and Leadership in AI Management Systems</b>	Evaluating how top management defines the AIMS scope, governance structures, leadership roles, and policy direction; assessing organisational accountability, ethical leadership, and alignment with ISO/IEC 42001 and strategic objectives.	25 %

<p><b>II. Advanced Audit of Implementation and Operational Control</b></p>	<p>Assessing the effectiveness of AIMS implementation and operation across multiple sites or jurisdictions— verifying AI-risk and impact assessments, data-governance and lifecycle controls, and conformance with Annex A–D guidance. Includes evaluation of cross-standard integration (27001, 27701, 9001) and multi-disciplinary audit leadership.</p>	<p>35 %</p>
<p><b>III. Performance, Maturity, and Continual Improvement</b></p>	<p>Auditing monitoring and measurement systems, management reviews, and CAPA processes; leading maturity assessments; benchmarking continual-improvement effectiveness and readiness for certification or re-certification.</p>	<p>25 %</p>
<p><b>IV. Ethics, Transparency, and Cross-Border Engagement</b></p>	<p>Evaluating integration of responsible-AI principles, explainability and transparency practices, supplier and stakeholder engagement, and cross-border data-sovereignty compliance within complex global audit contexts.</p>	<p>15 %</p>
<p><b>Total</b></p>		<p>100%</p>

# Domain, Task and Enablers

In the **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (SLA)** framework, a domain represents a major area of advanced professional competence required to **lead, coordinate, and evaluate complex audits** of an organisation's **Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS)**.

Each domain comprises:

- **Tasks** — the measurable responsibilities of a **Senior Lead Auditor**, including directing audit teams, integrating multiple standards, and providing assurance on AI-governance maturity and accountability.
- **Enablers** — examples of tangible evidence, behaviours, or leadership actions that demonstrate these competencies in practice.

Enablers are **illustrative rather than exhaustive**, allowing flexibility across sectors, audit scopes, team structures, and organisational maturity levels. They accommodate single-site, multi-site, and cross-jurisdictional AIMS audits.

## Domain I – Strategic Governance and Leadership in AI Management Systems (≈ 25 %)

### Purpose:

To evaluate and lead audits of how senior management defines, governs, and continually strengthens the AIMS—ensuring that AI policies, objectives, and accountabilities align with strategic priorities, ethical values, and ISO/IEC 42001 requirements across multi-site or multi-standard environments.

Task	Illustrative Enablers / Examples
1. Assess strategic direction and scope of the AIMS.	Documented scope statements, context registers, cross-functional risk maps, and evidence of alignment between AI strategy and enterprise objectives.
2. Evaluate top-management commitment and governance structures.	Leadership evidence packs, governance-committee minutes, policy-approval trails, and resource-allocation records demonstrating accountability.
3. Verify integration of AIMS objectives into corporate and sustainability strategies.	Balanced-scorecard references, AI-objective dashboards, KPIs linked to ESG or compliance goals, and management-review follow-ups.
4. Assess leadership in ethical and responsible AI culture.	Communications from executives, ethics-training records, tone-from-the-top campaigns, and recognition of ethical decision-making.
5. Audit Annex B implementation guidance for policy coherence and lifecycle governance.	Annex B audit matrices, policy-to-control traceability maps, and lifecycle-integration evidence across design, deployment, and retirement stages.
6. Lead audit-team planning for multi-standard or multi-jurisdictional contexts.	Integrated audit plans referencing ISO 42001 with 27001/27701/9001, team-competence matrices, risk-based sampling strategies, and stakeholder-communication plans.

## Domain II – Advanced Audit of Implementation and Operational Control (≈ 35 %)

### Purpose:

To lead and evaluate complex audits of an organisation’s AIMS implementation and operations—verifying AI-risk management, data-governance, lifecycle controls, and integration with other ISO management systems (e.g., 27001, 27701, 9001). The Senior Lead Auditor ensures that operational evidence demonstrates effectiveness, traceability, and compliance with Annex A through D requirements.

Task	Illustrative Enablers / Examples
1. Evaluate AI-risk assessment and impact-analysis processes (AI-SIA).	Multi-system risk registers, AI-SIA records covering fairness, safety, and transparency; evidence of risk-ownership and treatment validation.
2. Verify risk-treatment and control implementation across Annex A families.	Treatment plans with proportional controls; SoA references; cross-walk to security and privacy standards; audit sampling of mitigation evidence.
3. Assess data-governance and AI-lifecycle controls.	Procedures for data quality, bias management, model validation, change control, and retirement; technical logs and audit trails.
4. Audit resource and competence management for AIMS operations.	Competence matrices, training plans, resource allocations by risk area, and evidence of cross-functional AI ethics awareness.
5. Evaluate communication and document-control effectiveness.	Communication matrices, documented-information controls, version-history and retention evidence, and access-management records.

<p>6. Audit operational planning and control through the AI lifecycle.</p>	<p>Sampled AI projects from design to decommissioning; change-management records; traceability matrices linking risks → controls → outcomes.</p>
<p>7. Lead integrated audits across multiple management systems.</p>	<p>Combined audit programmes, interface evidence logs, sector-specific control maps (health, finance, education).</p>
<p>8. Apply advanced audit techniques and AI-assisted tools.</p>	<p>AI analytics for pattern detection in risk data, automated sampling dashboards, audit management software records, and validation of tool ethics and bias.</p>

## Domain III – Performance Evaluation, Audit Readiness, and Continual Improvement (≈ 20 %)

### Purpose:

To evaluate, lead, and benchmark an organisation’s AIMS performance and maturity —verifying that monitoring, measurement, and continual-improvement processes achieve measurable results, sustain compliance, and drive innovation in responsible-AI governance.

Task	Illustrative Enablers / Examples
1. Audit AIMS performance monitoring and measurement systems.	KPI dashboards (fairness, accuracy, drift), incident trend analyses, and evidence of data-driven decision making.
2. Evaluate internal-audit programmes and management reviews.	Audit schedules, independence records, review minutes, and management-follow-up actions demonstrating Clause 9 conformance.
3. Assess non-conformity and corrective-action effectiveness.	Root-cause analyses, CAPA logs, verification of effectiveness checks, and evidence of preventive triggers.
4. Lead maturity assessments for AIMS processes.	Maturity-model scoring sheets, rating calibration criteria, trend comparisons between audit cycles, and executive presentations of findings.
5. Benchmark continual-improvement initiatives and outcomes.	Improvement trackers, lessons-learned repositories, innovation registers, and cross-functional review outputs.
6. Provide strategic insight to top management on AIMS effectiveness and readiness.	Consolidated audit summary reports, maturity heat maps, and recommendations for policy and risk framework updates.

## Domain IV – Ethics, Transparency, and Cross-Border Engagement (≈ 15 %)

### Purpose:

To assess and lead audits that verify whether AI systems and governance frameworks uphold ethical principles, transparency, and accountability—ensuring that cross-border operations, data transfers, and third-party relationships align with international obligations, cultural values, and responsible-AI standards.

Task	Illustrative Enablers / Examples
1. Evaluate integration of ethical and responsible-AI principles in governance and operations.	Ethical risk-control maps, fairness review evidence, bias testing results, and human-oversight protocols.
2. Assess transparency and explainability of AI decision-making.	Model documentation, user-facing explanation templates, traceability logs, and disclosure statements.
3. Audit stakeholder and community engagement processes.	Stakeholder consultation records, responsible-AI and sustainability reports, public disclosures, and feedback analysis.
4. Verify cross-border data-sovereignty and legal compliance.	Data-localisation registers, jurisdictional mapping (GDPR, HIPAA, Māori data principles), evidence of consent and transfer controls.
5. Evaluate supplier and third-party compliance with AIMS requirements.	Supplier audit reports, contractual assurance clauses, and third-party performance reviews.
6. Assess readiness for future technologies and autonomous AI auditing.	Future-tech audit scenario decks, blockchain traceability demonstrations, quantum-resilience planning, and auditor competency-readiness records.
7. Lead ethical and multicultural audit teams.	Team-diversity plans, conflict-of-interest declarations, cultural-sensitivity briefings, and ethical decision documentation during complex audits.

## Cognitive Depth and Assessment Approach

The **GAICC Senior Lead Auditor (SLA)** examination assesses advanced professional judgement and leadership capability in **directing, integrating, and evaluating complex AIMS audits**.

The assessment measures competence across **three progressive cognitive levels**, consistent with international best practice in auditor certification and ISO 19011 guidance on auditor competence.

- **Understanding** – Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge of ISO/IEC 42001, its clauses, annexes, and related ISO standards; understands the relationships among governance, ethics, risk, and lifecycle management within AI ecosystems.
- **Application** – Applies audit methodologies, sampling techniques, and evaluation frameworks to multi-standard, multi-site, and cross-jurisdictional audit contexts; translates findings into actionable recommendations for governance improvement.
- **Analysis, Evaluation, and Leadership** – Interprets complex audit evidence, integrates data from multiple systems, exercises ethical and strategic judgement, and leads multidisciplinary audit teams in assessing AIMS maturity, cross-border compliance, and organisational accountability.

Each examination item is designed to test one or more of these levels, ensuring a **balanced measurement** of technical expertise, analytical reasoning, and leadership capability. Scenario-based questions require candidates to synthesise evidence, justify audit conclusions, and demonstrate the ability to communicate results credibly to senior management and regulatory stakeholders.]

Each examination item maps to one or more of these levels to ensure a balanced measurement of theoretical knowledge, practical auditing ability, and critical reasoning.

# GAIC Application & Payment

## GAICC Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (SLA)** certification, candidates must demonstrate advanced education, professional experience, and structured training aligned with the competencies required to **lead, coordinate, and evaluate** complex **Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS)** audits.

<b>Educational Background</b>	<b>Professional Experience</b>	<b>Formal Training Requirement</b>
<b>Diploma or equivalent</b>	Minimum five (5) years of cumulative professional experience, including at least two (2) years in auditing or assurance roles involving ISO-based management systems, AI governance, or digital-risk oversight.	Completion of at least 40 contact hours (CPDs) of structured GAICC-approved Senior Lead Auditor training (Modules 1 – 23).
<b>Bachelor's degree or higher</b>	Minimum three (3) years of relevant experience, including documented participation in multi-site, multi-standard, or cross-border audits of AI systems or other ISO management frameworks.	Completion of at least 40 contact hours (CPDs) of structured GAICC-approved Senior Lead Auditor training (Modules 1 – 23).

## Additional Notes

- Experience must include **leadership or coordination of audit teams**, preparation of audit reports, and evaluation of corrective-action effectiveness.
- Training hours must be obtained through **GAICC-authorized providers** or recognised institutions delivering courses mapped to ISO/IEC 42001 and ISO 19011 competencies.
- Individuals holding the **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Lead Auditor certification** automatically meet the training requirement and may apply directly for the **Senior Lead Auditor examination** after demonstrating the additional professional-experience threshold.

## How to Record Training on the Application

Candidates must record their professional experience using the **GAICC Online Certification Portal**, providing clear and verifiable details demonstrating their capability to **lead and manage complex AIMS audits**.

Required information includes:

- **Name of organisation or department** where auditing or assurance activities were performed.
- **Role title and key responsibilities**, highlighting leadership of audit teams or multi-standard assessments.
- **Audit or engagement description**, specifying examples such as:
  - Leading multi-site or multi-standard AIMS audits (e.g., ISO 42001 + 27001).
  - Conducting cross-border or data-sovereignty compliance audits.
  - Coordinating internal or third-party audit programmes and corrective-action reviews.
- **Start and end dates** of each engagement or employment period relevant to AIMS internal-audit experience.

Training-completion certificates must be uploaded with the application to confirm successful completion of the **40 CPDs** of GAICC-approved Senior Lead Auditor training.

Academic study or research in AI ethics, governance, or management systems is encouraged and supports professional context but **does not substitute** for applied internal-audit experience.

## Recording the Duration of Experience

Experience is measured in **months**, not by number of audits or projects. If two engagements overlap, the shared months are counted once.

### **Example:**

January–June of AIMS-audit work equals **six months** of total experience, even if multiple clients or systems were audited concurrently.

Applicants should describe each engagement separately, specifying **audit scope, standards involved, geographic coverage, and team leadership responsibilities**, ensuring all dates and roles are accurate and verifiable.

## Application Processing

GAICC is committed to a **transparent and timely certification process**.

- Average processing time for complete submissions is **five (5) calendar days**.
- Applications selected for audit or verification may require additional time for confirmation of training or employment details.
- Candidates are notified by email once their application is **approved**, or if further documentation is required.

# GAICC Examination Information

The **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (SLA)** examination is a competency-based assessment designed to evaluate a candidate's ability to **lead, coordinate, and report complex AIMS audits** in accordance with **ISO/IEC 42001: 2023** and **ISO 19011: 2018**.

It measures advanced mastery of audit leadership, strategic analysis, and governance maturity evaluation across multi-standard and cross-border contexts.

The examination tests the candidate's ability to:

- Integrate audit objectives and risk criteria into multi-site audit programmes.
- Direct audit teams and evaluate evidence for conformity, performance, and ethical accountability.
- Interpret complex governance data, exercise professional judgement, and communicate findings credibly to executive and regulatory audiences.

## Exam Structure

Component	Description
Total Questions	80
Format	Multiple-choice and scenario-based questions featuring simulated multi-site and multi-standard audit cases, delivered through the GAICC Online Testing Platform.
Allotted Time	120 minutes (2 hours) total testing time.
Pre-Exam Tutorial & Post-Exam Survey	A short interactive tutorial precedes the exam, and an optional survey follows it. Neither counts toward the official exam duration.

## Exam Delivery

The SLA examination is available as **online AI-proctored** or **centre-based testing**. All questions appear in random order. Once a section is submitted, answers cannot be revisited.

The GAICC testing platform includes:

- Built-in timer and progress bar.
- Flag-for-review function for marked questions.
- Automatic submission at time expiry to ensure fairness and consistency.

## Scoring and Results

- Each scored question is worth **one (1) mark**.
- Results are reported **immediately upon completion** of the exam.
- Feedback is provided by domain:
  - Governance, Planning, and Preparation
  - Implementation and Operational Control
  - Performance and Continual Improvement
  - Ethics and Professional Conduct
- A minimum **scaled score of 70%** is required to pass.

All scores are verified through GAICC's **psychometric calibration process** to maintain fairness and comparability across testing sessions and delivery modes.

## Retake Policy

GAICC upholds a fair, learner-centred retake approach:

- Each candidate receives **one complimentary retake** within the **one-year eligibility period** if the first attempt is unsuccessful.
- Additional retakes (beyond the complimentary attempt) may be scheduled at a **discounted re-examination fee**.
- All retakes must occur within the original eligibility window.

## Eligibility Period and Re-application

The eligibility period begins on the date of **application approval** and remains valid for **twelve (12) months**.

If a candidate does not attempt or pass the exam within this timeframe, the application expires and a **new application** must be submitted.

## Additional Information

GAICC conducts regular **psychometric reviews** to preserve exam validity, reliability, and global relevance.

If an exam session is affected by confirmed **technical issues or system irregularities**, the candidate will be offered a **free re-examination** without penalty.

# GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Internal Auditor – Fees

## Membership Fees

Zone	Standard Membership (USD)	Student Membership (USD)
Zone A	99	39
Zone B	69	29
Zone C	49	19

## Examination Fees

Zone	Exam Fee – Member (USD)	Exam Fee – Non-Member (USD)
Zone A	349	475
Zone B	299	425
Zone C	229	325

## Notes:

- All fees are quoted in **USD** and may be subject to local taxes or payment-processing charges.
- **Membership is optional**, but it provides discounted exam fees and access to GAICC professional-development resources.
- Each candidate is entitled to **one complimentary retake** within the **one-year eligibility period**.
- Payments may be made via **credit card** or **international bank transfer** through the GAICC Certification Portal.
- Renewal and re-examination fees are published annually on the **GAICC official website**.

# GAICC Certification Maintenance and Renewal Requirements

## Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements

During each **three-year certification cycle**, GAICC-certified **Senior Lead Auditors** must earn and record a minimum of **45 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours**, distributed across the following categories:

CPD Category	Description	Minimum Hours
<b>1. Professional Learning</b>	Participation in GAICC-recognised advanced training, webinars, or workshops focused on audit-leadership, ISO integration (42001 + 27001 + 27701 + 9001), AI-ethics assurance, or governance-maturity evaluation.	15
<b>2. Practical Application</b>	Direct leadership of complex or multi-site AIMS audits; supervision of audit teams; mentoring junior auditors; or participation in cross-border and data-sovereignty assessments.	15
<b>3. Contribution &amp; Knowledge Sharing</b>	Authoring or presenting professional papers, leading auditor-training events, participating in standards-development work, or serving on ethics and governance committees.	10
<b>4. Elective Activities</b>	Additional professional-development or community-engagement activities supporting continual growth and leadership capability.	5
	Total Minimum Required:	45 CPDs over three years

## Renewal Process

To renew the **GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (LA)** certification, candidates must:

1. Submit a **Renewal Application** through the **GAICC Certification Portal** before the certification expiry date.
2. Provide **verifiable evidence of at least 45 completed CPD hours** earned during the three-year certification cycle.
3. Pay the **renewal fee** as specified in the current **GAICC Fee Schedule**.
4. Reaffirm agreement to the **GAICC Code of Professional Conduct** and the **Ethical AI Audit Principles**.

## Lapsed Certifications

- If renewal requirements are not met by the expiry date, the certification status changes to **“Lapsed.”**
- Lapsed professionals may **reinstate** their certification by completing all renewal steps **within 12 months of expiry**.
- After **12 months**, re-certification requires **retaking the full Lead Auditor examination**.

## Audit and Verification

GAICC conducts **periodic CPD audits** to confirm the accuracy of reported learning and professional-development activities.

Candidates selected for audit must submit supporting documentation such as:

- Certificates of completion or attendance records,
- Publications, presentations, or mentoring logs, or
- Employer or client attestation letters verifying audit participation or learning activity.

# GAICC Code of Conduct and Ethics Statement

## Purpose

The **Global AI Certification Council (GAICC)** upholds the highest standards of **integrity, accountability, and professional behaviour** in the certification and practice of **Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS)** professionals.

All GAICC-certified individuals must demonstrate **ethical leadership and responsible stewardship** in the **evaluation, assurance, and governance** of AI systems, consistent with the values of **ISO/IEC 42001** and the ethical principles defined in **ISO 19011**.

## Commitment to Ethical Practice

By applying for and maintaining GAICC certification, candidates agree to:

1. **Act with Integrity and Fairness** – Conduct all professional activities honestly, without bias, conflict of interest, or misrepresentation of competence or credentials.
2. **Protect Human Rights and Wellbeing** – Ensure that AI systems under their influence respect human dignity, fairness, privacy, and non-discrimination.
3. **Ensure Transparency and Accountability** – Promote explainable and auditable AI outcomes; disclose limitations, risks, and decision criteria in plain language.
4. **Safeguard Data and Information** – Uphold confidentiality and data-protection principles consistent with ISO/IEC 42001, ISO/IEC 27701, and applicable laws.
5. **Exercise Professional Competence** – Maintain up-to-date knowledge through continual learning, professional development, and adherence to recognised standards and best practices.
6. **Report and Mitigate Misuse** – Take appropriate action when encountering unethical AI practices or violations of applicable regulations or standards.
7. **Respect Intellectual Property and Diversity of Perspectives** – Value collaboration, cultural sensitivity, and inclusiveness across disciplines and communities.

## Disciplinary and Enforcement Process

Violations of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including **suspension or revocation** of GAICC certification.

Complaints or ethics concerns may be submitted confidentially to the **GAICC Ethics and Compliance Committee**, which oversees investigations, recommendations, and fair resolution procedures.

## Acknowledgment

All GAICC-certified professionals are required to confirm their acceptance of the **Code of Conduct and Ethics** during application, renewal, or recertification. Adherence to this Code reinforces global confidence in GAICC-certified practitioners and the responsible governance of Artificial Intelligence technologies.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor (SLA) Examination Content Outline – October 2025 Global AI Certification Council (GAICC)

### 1. What is the GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Senior Lead Auditor certification?

It is an internationally recognised advanced credential that validates the competence of professionals who **lead and manage complex Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS)** audits in accordance with **ISO/IEC 42001: 2023** and **ISO 19011: 2018**.

The certification demonstrates mastery in **multi-standard, multi-site, and cross-border auditing**, governance-maturity evaluation, and leadership of audit teams in responsible-AI assurance.

### 2. Who should apply for this certification?

This certification is ideal for:

- Experienced AI-governance auditors and compliance managers.
- Audit-programme leaders or consultants managing multi-standard assessments (e.g., 42001 + 27001 + 27701 + 9001).
- Regulatory or assurance professionals overseeing cross-border AI-governance frameworks.
- Senior practitioners mentoring auditors or advising executive leadership on AI-risk governance.

### 3. What are the eligibility requirements?

Applicants must meet education, professional-experience, and formal-training criteria:

- **Education:** Diploma or higher qualification.
- **Experience:**
  - Diploma holders — minimum five (5) years of relevant AI-governance or ISO-audit experience, including two (2) years in lead-auditor roles.
  - Bachelor's degree or higher — minimum three (3) years of relevant professional experience with documented team-leadership responsibilities.
- **Training:** Completion of at least 40 contact hours (CPDs) of structured GAICC-approved Senior Lead Auditor training (Modules 1 – 23).

### 4. How many questions are in the exam and how long does it take?

The examination consists of **80 questions** (75 scored + 5 unscored pre-test items). Candidates have **120 minutes (2 hours)** to complete the exam.

### 5. What is the passing score?

A minimum scaled **score of 70%** is required to pass.

## 6. How often can I take the exam?

Each candidate receives **one complimentary retake** within a **one-year eligibility period** if the first attempt is unsuccessful.

Additional retakes may be purchased at a discounted fee during the same eligibility window.

## 7. What is the certification validity period?

The Foundation certification is valid for **three (3) years** from the date of issue.

## 8. How do I maintain or renew my certification?

Certified professionals must complete a minimum of **45 Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** hours within each three-year cycle and submit a renewal application with the required fee.

## 9. What does the exam cover?

The exam assesses knowledge across **four domains**:

1. Strategic Governance and Leadership in AI Management Systems
2. Advanced Audit of Implementation and Operational Control
3. Performance, Maturity, and Continual Improvement
4. Ethics, Transparency, and Cross-Border Engagement

## 10. What is the exam format?

The exam includes multiple-choice and audit-scenario-based questions.

It is available as **AI-proctored online testing** or **centre-based assessment** through GAICC's secure platform.

## 11. How much does the exam cost?

Zone	Member (USD)	Non-Member (USD)
Zone A	349	475
Zone B	299	425
Zone C	229	325

Membership is optional but provides discounted exam fees and access to GAICC learning resources.

## 12. How much is the membership fee?

Zone	Standard (USD)	Student (USD)
Zone A	99	39
Zone B	69	29
Zone C	49	19

## 13. How long does GAICC take to process an application?

Online applications are reviewed **within five (5) calendar days**, provided all training documents are complete.

If selected for audit, additional verification may extend processing time.

## 14. What happens if I fail to renew my certification?

If renewal requirements are not met by the expiry date, your status becomes **“Lapsed.”**

You may reinstate within **12 months** by completing renewal steps; after that period, full re-examination is required.

## 15. Does GAICC provide digital credentials?

Yes. Upon certification, you receive a **digital badge and certificate** that can be shared on LinkedIn, résumés, and professional profiles.

## 16. How can I contact GAICC for support?

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