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Purpose

This Examination Content Outline (ECO) defines what the GAICC ISO/IEC 27001 Foundation examination assesses. It is the authority for item writing, blueprinting and the modified-Angoff standard-setting study, and is read with the Structural Reference & Control Map (GAICC-REF-27001-001).

This document is an original GAICC reference compiled from publicly available information and verified for accuracy against GAICC's licensed copy of the standard. It lists clause and control references and titles only; it does not reproduce the normative text of ISO/IEC 27001:2022, which must be obtained from ISO or an authorised reseller.

Target Candidate and Competence

The Foundation certification confirms awareness-level competence: understanding the purpose, structure and core concepts of ISO/IEC 27001 and an ISMS. It suits newcomers to information security governance and is a stepping stone to the Lead Implementer and Lead Auditor pathways. It does not assess the ability to implement or audit an ISMS.

Domains and Weightings

#	Domain	Weight	Items (of 60)
I	Information Security & ISMS Fundamentals	40%	16
II	ISMS Requirements — Clauses 4 to 10	40%	16
III	Annex A Controls & Certification Awareness	20%	8
	Total	100%	40

Domains, Tasks and Enablers

Domain I — Information Security & ISMS Fundamentals (40%)

Task	Illustrative enablers / examples
Explain core information-security concepts.	Confidentiality, integrity, availability (CIA); authenticity, non-repudiation; assets, threats, vulnerabilities, risk, controls.
Describe what an ISMS is and why organisations adopt it.	Risk-based management system; drivers and benefits; interested parties.
Outline the purpose, scope and structure of ISO/IEC 27001.	Clauses 1–3 vs 4–10; Annex SL high-level structure; Annex A.
Recognise the ISO/IEC 27000 family and key relationships.	27000 vocabulary; 27002 controls guidance; 27003, 27005; relationship to ISO 9001 and ISO/IEC 42001.
Explain the management-system and PDCA model.	Plan–Do–Check–Act; continual improvement; certification vs accreditation at awareness level.

Domain II — ISMS Requirements: Clauses 4 to 10 (40%)

Task	Illustrative enablers / examples
Describe context and scope (Clause 4).	Internal/external issues (incl. climate-change relevance); interested parties; ISMS scope.
Describe leadership and policy (Clause 5).	Top-management commitment; information security policy; roles, responsibilities and authorities.
Explain planning and risk (Clause 6).	Risk assessment and treatment; Statement of Applicability; security objectives; planning of changes.
Identify support requirements (Clause 7).	Resources, competence, awareness, communication, documented information.
Describe operation (Clause 8).	Operational planning and control; performing risk assessment and treatment.
Describe performance evaluation (Clause 9).	Monitoring and measurement; internal audit; management review.
Describe improvement (Clause 10).	Continual improvement; nonconformity and corrective action.

Domain III — Annex A Controls & Certification Awareness (20%)

Task	Illustrative enablers / examples
Identify the four Annex A control themes.	Organizational (A.5), People (A.6), Physical (A.7), Technological (A.8); 93 controls in total.
Recognise common controls and their purpose.	Examples such as access control, classification, supplier and cloud security, incident management, backup, cryptography.
Explain the Statement of Applicability.	Selection, justification of inclusion/exclusion, link to risk treatment.
Outline the certification lifecycle at awareness level.	Stage 1 and Stage 2 audits, surveillance, recertification; roles in an ISMS.

Examination Structure

Attribute	Detail
Number of items	40 scored items
Format	Single-answer multiple choice (4 options A–D)
Duration	60 minutes
Delivery	Online proctored or test-centre; closed book
Pass mark	70% (provisional; to be confirmed by a modified-Angoff study)
Cognitive level	Predominantly Remember / Understand, with some Apply

Benchmark Note

The Foundation scope aligns with comparable Foundation certifications (e.g. PECB and APMG ISO/IEC 27001 Foundation), which test information-security and ISMS concepts, the structure of the standard, the risk and PDCA model, and Annex A awareness. GAICC consolidates these into three domains weighted 40/40/20, consistent with the GAICC ISO/IEC 42001 Foundation.