

# Certified Internal Auditor Worldwide (CIA-W) Syllabus by SOAE Global

✦ Offered by SOAE Global | 🌐 Globally Recognized Internal Audit Certification

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## ◆ Program Overview

The **Certified Internal Auditor Worldwide (CIA-W)** is a **globally recognized professional qualification** designed by **SOAE Global** to equip individuals with advanced **internal auditing, risk management, forensic accounting, and compliance** expertise. This program integrates **real-world case studies, regulatory frameworks, AI-driven audit analytics, and a 40-hour practical audit simulation** (Online or Physical) to develop **highly skilled** internal auditors.

### 🔑 Key Features of the CIA-W Program

- ✔ **Comprehensive Syllabus Covering 3 Levels (12 Months)**
- ✔ **Choice Between a Final Case Study or a 40-Hour Practical Audit Simulation**  
(Online/Physical)
- ✔ **Integration of AI, Blockchain, & Data Analytics in Auditing**
- ✔ **Industry-Specific Modules Covering BFSI, FMCG, Technology, and Energy Sectors**
- ✔ **Hands-on Experience with Audit Software (IDEA, ACL, SAP, Power BI, Tableau, EnCase, FTK)**
- ✔ **Flexible Study Mode: Online & Physical Training Available**
- ✔ **Competitive Fee Structure: PKR 75,000 (Flexible Installments Available)**

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## DETAILED COURSE STRUCTURE

### LEVEL 1: Foundational Expertise in Internal Auditing & Risk

 **Duration:** 3 Months

◆ **Key Focus:** Building foundational technical skills, governance models, and risk frameworks.

#### ◆ Modules & Learning Areas

##### 1 Internal Audit Principles & Risk Frameworks

- Understanding the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF)
- COSO, COBIT, and Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) Compliance
- Risk-Based Internal Auditing (RBIA) & Internal Control Systems
- Role of Internal Auditors in Corporate Governance

##### 2 Financial Reporting & Fraud Basics

- Advanced IFRS and GAAP Standards for Auditors
- Identifying & Preventing Financial Statement Manipulations
- Fraud Typologies: Revenue, Procurement, and Payroll Fraud
- **Case Study:** *Detecting Fraud in Financial Reports*

##### 3 Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) & Basel III Compliance

- Strategic vs. Operational Risk Management
- Risk Control Matrices (RCMs) for Business Risk Mapping
- Basel III & Global Financial Regulatory Frameworks
- **Case Study:** *Risk Analysis of a Global Bank*

##### 4 Internal Control & Compliance Foundations

- Process Mapping & Control Testing Methodologies
- IT General Controls (ITGC) & Information Security Frameworks
- Vendor Compliance & Third-Party Risk Management
- Role of Auditors in Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Compliance

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## ● LEVEL 2: Advanced Risk, Fraud Examination & Sectoral Audits

📅 **Duration:** 3 Months

◆ **Key Focus:** Specialized forensic audit techniques, fraud investigation, and risk analysis.

### ◆ Modules & Learning Areas

#### 5] Fraud Risk Management & Investigations

- Designing & Implementing Anti-Fraud Frameworks
- Investigative Interviewing & Red Flags of Fraud (Workshop)
- Introduction to Digital Forensics & Evidence Handling
- **Case Study:** *Investigating Procurement Fraud in a Corporation*

#### 6] Business Continuity & Crisis Management

- Developing Business Continuity Plans (BCP) & Disaster Recovery Strategies
- Cybersecurity Threats & Internal Control Weaknesses
- Supply Chain Disruption & Risk Mitigation Strategies
- **Case Study:** *Managing a Cybersecurity Breach*

#### 7] Industry-Specific Risk Advisory & Compliance

- Risk Management in BFSI, FMCG, Technology, and Energy Sectors
- ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) Risk Assessments
- Operational Risk Identification & Inefficiency Mitigation
- **Case Study:** *ESG Compliance Audit in a Multinational Corporation*

#### 8] Advanced Data Analytics & AI in Internal Audit

- Fraud Detection Using AI-Powered Data Analytics
- Power BI & Tableau for Audit Data Visualization
- Predictive Analytics for Risk-Based Audit Planning
- **Simulation:** *AI & Big Data in Detecting Financial Anomalies*

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## ● LEVEL 3: Strategic Risk & Forensic Specialization

📅 **Duration:** 3 Months

◆ **Key Focus:** Advanced forensic investigations, fraud analytics, and regulatory compliance.

### ◆ Modules & Learning Areas

#### 9) Forensic Accounting & Digital Fraud Detection

- Advanced Fraud Detection in Revenue Recognition & Procurement
- Digital Forensics Tools: EnCase, FTK, X-Ways
- Cybercrime Investigation & Evidence Chain of Custody
- **Simulation:** *Conducting a Live Forensic Audit*

#### 10) Strategic Risk Management & Business Advisory

- Aligning Risk Management with Corporate Strategy
- Designing Operational Risk Indicators (ORIs) & Key Risk Indicators (KRIs)
- Ethical Decision-Making & Governance in Internal Audit

#### 11) Emerging Technologies in Risk & Compliance

- Robotic Process Automation (RPA) for Internal Audit
- AI-Driven Predictive Risk Analysis & Cybersecurity Frameworks
- Blockchain for Financial Transactions & Compliance Tracking
- **Case Study:** *Application of Blockchain in Internal Audit*

#### 12) Global Regulatory Compliance

- Compliance Frameworks
- Transfer Pricing & International Tax Risk Management
- **Industry Simulation:** *Regulatory Risk Evaluation in Multinational Enterprises*

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# FINAL PROJECT: CASE STUDY OR PRACTICAL AUDIT SIMULATION

 **Duration:** 3 Months

## **Option 1: Comprehensive Case Study Project**

- ✓ **Fraud Investigation:** Conduct a forensic audit of a simulated company.
- ✓ **Enterprise Risk Assessment:** Design a corporate risk framework.
- ✓ **IT Audit & Cybersecurity Risk Management:** Assess ITGC controls.
- ✓ **Regulatory Compliance Audit:** Redesign compliance processes for a multinational.

### **Deliverables:**

- ✓ **Comprehensive Audit Plan & Risk Assessment Report**
- ✓ **Fraud Investigation Report & Audit Working Papers**
- ✓ **Power BI Dashboard for Risk Visualization**



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## **Option 2: 40-Hour Practical Audit Simulation (Online/Physical)**

### **Conduct a Real-Time Audit Covering:**

- ◆ Planning & Risk Assessment for Internal Audit
- ◆ Control Testing & Compliance Review
- ◆ Digital Forensics & Cyber Risk Auditing
- ◆ Audit Report Writing & Stakeholder Presentation

### **Modes of Delivery:**

-  **Online:** Virtual ERP-Based Audit Simulations
-  **Physical:** Hands-on Training in SOAE Partner Institutions

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

- ✓ **Practical Performance in Live Audit Scenarios**
- ✓ **Final Report & Risk Dashboard Presentation**

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## Three-Level Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

### Testing Structure

- Each level consists of **4 key areas** relevant to the program.
- Each area carries **25 marks**, totaling **100 marks per level**.
- Questions will be a mix of:
  - **MCQs (Multiple-Choice Questions)**
  - **Scenario-Based Questions**
  - **Short Analytical Responses**

### Advancement Criteria

- A minimum passing score of **50%** is required to progress to the next level.
- Candidates must successfully complete **all three levels** before moving to the final assessment.

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## Final Assessment (Candidate's Choice)

Upon clearing all three levels, candidates choose between:

### 1 Final Case Study (Professional Report & Presentation)

- A **real-world forensic audit, risk compliance, or financial analysis case**.
- Candidates prepare a **detailed report** with:
  - Risk identification
  - Investigative approach
  - Compliance assessment
  - Findings & recommendations

### 2 40-Hour Practical Audit Simulation (Online/Physical)

- A **hands-on simulation** of a real forensic investigation, compliance review, or financial audit.
- Candidates work on:
  - **Data analytics & fraud detection**
  - **Internal controls assessment**
  - **Regulatory compliance checks**
- Supervised by industry professionals with feedback on performance.

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## Key Benefits of This Approach

- ✓ **Ensures Competency:** Progressively tests analytical, investigative, and technical skills.
  - ✓ **Real-World Readiness:** Final assessment provides **practical exposure** before certification.
  - ✓ **Flexibility & Depth:** Candidates tailor their final step based on career goals.
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## Fee Structure

- ✓ **Total Certification Cost: PKR 75,000**
- ✓ **Flexible Installment Options Available**

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## Why Choose CIA-W by SOAE Global?

- ✓ **Industry-Aligned & Globally Recognized Certification**
- ✓ **Choice Between Case Study or Hands-On Audit Simulation**
- ✓ **AI & Data-Driven Audit Techniques Integration**
- ✓ **Flexible Learning: Online & Physical Options**

## Program Approval & Authorization

This syllabus and program structure have been **reviewed and approved** by the **SOAE Global Executive Council** and is officially recognized as an industry-standard qualification.

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