

Certified Management System Auditor (CMSA)

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Introduction

The Certified Management System Auditor (CMSA) is a professional certification framework designed for individuals seeking to demonstrate competence in conducting and managing audits of management systems against applicable standards, organizational requirements, and recognized auditing principles.

The scheme provides two progressive certification levels to recognize competence based on the candidate's knowledge, responsibilities, and auditing capabilities:

Certified Management System Internal Auditor (CMSIA)

Certified Management System Lead Auditor (CMSLA)

This certification scheme confirms that certified individuals possess the necessary competence to plan, conduct, report, and manage audit activities in accordance with accepted auditing principles and applicable standards.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR



Professionals responsible for conducting internal audits within organizations



Consultants and advisors involved in audit and certification readiness activities



Individuals involved in supplier, process, or compliance auditing



Individuals pursuing careers in third-party certification or supplier auditing



Professionals seeking to progress into audit leadership roles



Professionals seeking formal recognition of auditing competence

CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Level	Certification Title	Description
Level 1	Certified Management System Internal Auditor (CMSIA)	Recognizes competence to conduct internal audits and support audit activities
Level 2	Certified Management System Lead Auditor (CMSLA)	Recognizes competence to lead audit teams and manage audit programmes

CERTIFICATION OBJECTIVES

- Understand auditing principles and methodologies
- Plan and prepare audit activities
- Conduct audits using process-based and risk-based approaches
- Gather and evaluate objective evidence
- Identify conformity and nonconformity and report audit findings effectively
- Verify corrective actions and follow-up activities
- Lead audit teams and manage audit programmes (Lead Auditor Level)

COMPETENCY DOMAINS

Domain No	Competency Area
Domain 1	Fundamental Principles of Auditing
Domain 2	Audit Planning and Preparation
Domain 3	Audit Execution and Evidence Collection
Domain 4	Audit Reporting and Findings Management
Domain 5	Corrective Action and Follow-Up Activities
Domain 6	Audit Team Leadership and Programme Management
Domain 7	Auditor Ethics, Behaviour, and Professional Conduct

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Certification Level	Description
Internal Auditor	Minimum Secondary Education; Basic Understanding of Management Systems Recommended
Lead Auditor	Minimum Secondary Education; Basic Understanding of Management Systems Required; Audit Experience Recommended



EXAMINATION INFORMATION



Examination Type

Internal Auditor: Multiple Choice
Lead Auditor: Multiple Choice



Passing Score :

Internal Auditor: 70%
Lead Auditor: 70%



Number of Questions :

Internal Auditor: 100
Lead Auditor: 100



Format :

Internal Auditor: Closed Book
Lead Auditor: Closed Book



Duration

Internal and Lead Auditor: 120 Minutes

CERTIFICATION PROCESS



**Submit completed
certification application**



**Agree to comply with SHI Code of
Ethics and Professional Conduct**



**Meet applicable eligibility
requirements**



Pay applicable certification fees



Successfully pass the required examination and get certified.

VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATION

The certification shall remain valid for a period of three (3 -5) years from the date of issuance, subject to ongoing compliance with certification requirements.

MAINTENANCE / RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

- > Maintain annual membership/maintenance status
- > Submit required CPD or professional development evidence where applicable
- > Continue compliance with ethical and professional requirements
- > Fulfil renewal/maintenance fee obligations



SUSPENSION / WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS

- > Certification is misused or misrepresented
- > Ethical violations are substantiated
- > Renewal requirements are not met
- > False or misleading information is submitted
- > Applicable fees remain unpaid



SCHEME OWNER

This certification scheme is owned and governed by Standardization Hub International (SHI)



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