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EXAMINATIONS
The CISM exam is offered each year and consists of 200 multiple-choice questions that cover the five information security management job practice areas created from the most recent CISM job practice analysis. The percentages below indicate the emphasis of questions that will appear on the exam from each area. The job practice analysis was developed and validated using prominent industry leaders, subject matter experts and industry practitioners.

Notice: The current CISM job practice is in the process of being updated to capture the changes that have occurred within the ever-evolving field of information security management.

Job Practice Areas
The areas and their definitions are as follows:

1. Information security governance (23 percent)—Establish and maintain a framework to provide assurance that information security strategies are aligned with the business objectives and consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

2. Information risk management (22 percent)—Identify and manage information security risks to achieve business objectives.

3. Information security program development (17 percent)—Create and maintain a program to implement the information security strategy.

4. Information security program management (24 percent)—Oversee and direct information security activities to execute the information security program.

5. Incident management and response (14 percent)—Plan, develop and manage a capability to detect, respond to and recover from information security incidents.

CISM exam questions are developed and maintained carefully to ensure that they accurately test an individual’s proficiency in information security management. For a description of task and knowledge statements for each area, please refer to www.isaca.org/cismjobpractice.

EXAM REGISTRATION
Online registration can be done at www.isaca.org
Print or type clearly in black ink and block letters. Be sure to include test center and language preference.

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ENROLLMENT DEADLINES
Deadlines are based upon Chicago, Illinois, USA, 5 p.m. CT (Central Time). If not registering online, please mail or fax the registration form to ISACA. Do not do both. Submitting duplicate registrations online and/or by hard copy to ISACA may result in multiple registrations and charges. Exam deadlines are indicated at www.isaca.org.

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