

How Does the Updated IPPF and Standards Effect the CIA Exams?

Q. When will the new Standards be in effect?

A. Modifications to The IIA's *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* were released in October 2016 and went into effect January 1, 2017.

Q. How long will the updated Standards be exposed before CIA exam questions are aligned with the updates?

A. Questions based on the revised *Standards* may appear on the CIA exam no sooner than six months after the effective date of the *Standards* revision, per The IIA's transparency policy. Because the *Standards* became effective January 2017, the earliest updated questions would appear on the exams is July 2017. Exam questions will be reviewed and updated only if the content aligns with the current exam syllabus topics.

Q. The IIA released the Mission and Core Principles of Internal Auditing as part of IPPF restructure in 2015. Are they part of the CIA exams?

A. The restructuring of the IPPF did not have an effect on the CIA 3-Part examination. Candidates are not being tested specifically on the Mission or Core Principles of Internal Auditing, as these elements are not part of the current CIA syllabi. Instead, the current syllabi tests candidates more broadly on the purpose, authority, and responsibility of the internal audit activity.

Q. How do I obtain the updated IPPF?

A. An updated edition of the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) guide, more commonly known as the Red Book, is now available for order. Visit the [IIA Bookstore](#) for more information.

Q. How do I obtain guidance on the new and updated Standards?

A. All new implementation guides are available to help you with the key changes to the *Standards*. It is important to note that The IIA periodically releases Implementation Guides, supplemental guidance such as Practice Guides and Global Technology Audit Guides, and those are effective upon release. These guides are part of IPPF too. Therefore, if the content of these guides aligns with the current CIA exam syllabus, questions on such content could appear as early as six months after the release date. (You can find the latest releases here: <https://global.theiia.org/standards-guidance/recommended-guidance/practice-guides/Pages/Practice-Guides.aspx>).