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CISM Exam Overview

About the exam

CISM (Certified Information Security Manager) from ISACA is built for managers, not technicians.

- 150 multiple-choice questions in four hours
- Scaled score from 200 to 800; 450 or higher passes

The four domains

- Information security governance
- Information security risk management
- Information security program
- Incident management

Tips

- Think like a manager. The best answer is usually the one that aligns with business goals and governance, not the most technical fix.
- Learn ISACA's definitions. The exam uses its own vocabulary precisely.
- Do practice questions in volume and study why the wrong answers are wrong.