

IDEA® Certification Program

Why Get IDEA Certified?

The CaseWare Analytics IDEA Certification program offers IDEA Data Analysis software users the opportunity to become a Certified IDEA Data Analyst (CIDA) or a Certified IDEAScript Expert (CISE). This standard accreditation distinguishes you as being a highly skilled IDEA user who is able to effectively use CaseWare Analytics technology in your analysis and/or audit work.

Our IDEA certification program furthers your professional development by demonstrating that you have advanced technical abilities and are uniquely positioned to provide sound and knowledgeable business analysis and recommendations. An IDEA certification is also an independent validation of your skills and expertise in using analytics and scripting.

Additional Benefits

- Obtain a professionally recognized credential in your industry
- Earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits by attending the certification's training courses
- Gain a competitive edge by applying advanced analytical skills in your job

Types of Certification

- Certified IDEA Data Analyst (CIDA)
- Certified IDEAScript Expert (CISE)

How Do I Get Certified?

You can become certified in one or both programs by either taking the necessary training or demonstrating that you have suitable experience. In either case, candidates must pass an exam.

TRAINING OPTION - Once you complete the required courses (see below), you have one year in which to apply for certification. After your certification eligibility is granted, you then have three months to complete the certification exam.

COURSES	Required for Certification	
	CIDA	CISE
CI101 IDEA Data Analysis Level 1 - (2 Days)	Y	Y
CI102 IDEA Data Analysis Level 2 - (2 Days)	Y	Y
CI104 IDEAScript for Analysts Level 1 - (2 Days)	-	Y
CI105 IDEAScript for Analysts Level 2 - (1 Day)	-	Y

For more information visit casewareanalytics.com/training. To find the latest schedule of training courses, go to casewareanalytics.com/classroom.



EXPERIENCE OPTION - You must submit the following documentation to demonstrate your experience:

- Minimum two-page description of your experience using IDEA
- A letter from a supervisor or colleague attesting to your competency using IDEA
- A description of at least two substantial projects where you used IDEA and/or IDEAScript. The description should include types of tests and tasks that you have used in IDEA, data size, length and dates of the projects, sector/ area of activity (e.g., P-Cards, loans, etc.) and your findings.

Exam Format

For CIDA certification, the exam will be in case study format and there will be 30 multiple choice questions to complete. You will need to download data files to complete the exam.

For CISE certification, you will be asked to email a script that demonstrates your scripting skills. The script can be one that was written for work purposes and will only be used to certify your scripting skills. The script accounts for 20% of the final score.

The exam will consist of the following:

- Twenty (20) multiple choice questions (20%)
- Five (5) simple short answer questions (10%)
- Ten (10) short scripting cases in which candidates must create the script and/or modify a previously created script (50%)

The exam will take at least three but no more than four hours, and you must pass the exam with a score of 75% or higher.

Preparing for the Exam

To help you prepare for the exam, we will send you in advance a file containing a list of topics that can be covered in the exam, some sample questions and their associated data files. For those interested in CIDA certification, you can also attend our CI201 CIDA Exam Preparation course. Visit casewareanalytics.com/classroom to view the schedule. For books that can help you prepare for the exam, visit audimation.com/publications-workbooks/.

NOTE: *If you fail the exam, you will have to wait six months before you can apply to take it again. An examination fee will apply.*

Certification Renewal

Your IDEA certification must be renewed every three (3) years. To renew your certification, you must submit an update of your professional experience as well as repeat and receive a passing grade on the exam.

How to Apply

To apply to enter the certification process, ensure that you have completed the required prerequisites for either the Training or Experience option and complete the form at casewareanalytics.com/certification.

Languages

The Certification program is only available in English.

Fees and Payment Options

Certification fees (Training option): \$250

Certification fees (Experience option): \$400

Certification renewal: \$150

Certification fees can be paid via PayPal, VISA or MasterCard®.

For more information on the IDEA Certification program, contact us at cwcertification@caseware.com or 1-800-265-4332 ext. 2160.

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