



GAICC Certified Practitioner in AI Governance (CPAIG)

Candidate Handbook

Field	Detail
Certification	GAICC Certified Practitioner in AI Governance (CPAIG)
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Frameworks	EU AI Act, GDPR & global privacy laws, ISO/IEC 42001, NIST AI RMF, OECD AI Principles
Level	Practitioner — AI governance

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This handbook gives candidates everything needed to prepare for, book, sit and maintain the certification. Read it with the Examination Content Outline and the Code of Ethics.

1 About this certification

Confirms practitioner-level competence in AI governance across technical, regulatory, ethical and strategic dimensions, with genuinely global, multi-jurisdictional scope and deep coverage of agentic and generative AI governance.

Who it is for: AI governance, risk, compliance and audit practitioners working across jurisdictions.

2 Eligibility and prerequisites

Open to practitioners in AI governance, risk, compliance, audit or related fields.

Formal training: completion of at least 28–30 contact hours of structured CPAIG training delivered by GAICC-authorized providers or equivalent recognised institutions. Students can also fulfil this requirement by completing GAICC self-paced courses.

Certification is open to all eligible candidates without discrimination. Reasonable adjustments are available (Section 11).

3 The exam at a glance

Item	Detail
Total questions	80 scenario-based items (70 scored + 10 unscored pilot)
Format	Scenario-based single-answer multiple choice (4 options A–D)
Time allowed	120 minutes
Pass mark	70% scaled (anchored via a modified-Angoff study)
Delivery	Online proctored
Open book	No — closed book
Languages	English (other languages on request)

4 What the exam tests

The exam is built to the Examination Content Outline (ECO). Domains and approximate weightings:

#	Domain	Weight
I	Global AI Governance Landscape	20%
II	Technical AI Risk & Governance Architecture	18%
III	AI Lifecycle Governance	16%
IV	Laws, Standards & Multi-Jurisdictional Compliance	15%
V	Agentic & Generative AI Governance	12%
VI	Governance Strategy & Organisational Design	10%
VII	Ethics, Bias, Fairness & Human Rights	5%

#	Domain	Weight
VIII	Future AI & Emerging Governance Frontiers	4%
	Total	100%

Weightings are approximate and may vary slightly by form. The current ECO is the authoritative blueprint.

5 Booking, identity and exam-day conduct

- Book through the GAICC learning hub; you will receive joining instructions and a system check.
- Have government-issued photo ID ready for identity verification before the exam starts.
- Ensure a quiet, private space and a stable internet connection for online proctoring.
- No notes, devices or assistance are permitted (closed book) unless an approved adjustment applies.

6 Proctoring and exam security

Exams are proctored to protect integrity and the value of the credential; candidates consent to proctoring at booking. Examination content is confidential and may not be copied, recorded or shared; doing so is misconduct and may lead to result invalidation and withdrawal of certification. GAICC's use of any AI in proctoring is governed by its AI Use Register and AI disclosure.

7 Results and feedback

Results are reported on completion: overall score, pass/fail status, and per-domain performance feedback. Provisional results may be confirmed after a standard post-exam integrity review. Successful candidates receive a certificate and a digital badge.

8 Retake policy

Each candidate receives one complimentary re-take within the 12-month eligibility period if the first attempt is unsuccessful. Further attempts are under a new registration.

9 Fees

Fees are shown in US dollars and are payable before the examination. GAICC operates an optional annual-membership model; the member rate below applies to candidates who already hold a current GAICC membership. Membership is purchased separately and is not included in the examination fee.

Item	Fee
GAICC Annual Membership	\$99 / 12 months
Examination fee — non-member / member	\$299 / \$199
Renewal & re-examination fees	Published annually at www.gaicc.org

Refunds and transfers: requests are handled under GAICC's published refund and transfer policy; fees are generally non-refundable once exam access is issued.

10 Certification, validity and recertification

The certification is valid for three years from the date of certification. To maintain it, the certified person earns 60 CPD hours per three-year cycle and reaffirms the GAICC Code of Ethics.

Where CPD evidence is insufficient, or the certification has lapsed beyond any grace period, or the standard or scheme changes materially, re-examination is required. Full rules are in the published recertification policy for this certification.

11 Reasonable adjustments and accessibility

Candidates who need a reasonable adjustment (for example extra time or assistive technology) should request it at booking with supporting information. GAICC accommodates legitimate needs while preserving exam security and assessment integrity.

12 Use of the certificate and the GAICC marks

Certified persons may state that they hold the certification while it is valid and use the GAICC certification mark in accordance with the Use of Certificates and Marks procedure. The certification applies to the named individual, is not transferable, and must not be used misleadingly or to imply accreditation that has not been granted. Lapsed or withdrawn certificants must cease use of the certification and marks.

13 Code of ethics

Candidates and certified persons agree to the GAICC Code of Ethics — acting with integrity, competence and objectivity, protecting confidential information, and using the credential honestly. Breaches may lead to withdrawal of certification.

14 Appeals, complaints and misconduct

A candidate may appeal a certification decision, and anyone may raise a complaint, through GAICC's Appeals and Complaints process; appeals are handled impartially by people not involved in the original decision. Suspected exam misconduct is investigated and may result in result invalidation and withdrawal of certification.

15 Privacy and contact

GAICC processes candidate personal information solely to deliver certification and to demonstrate the integrity and impartiality of the scheme, in line with its privacy obligations. Questions about this handbook, bookings, adjustments, appeals or recertification: support@gaicc.org.