

CAREER ROADMAP

How to Become a Risk Manager: A Complete Roadmap

The roadmap to becoming a Risk Manager: owning the risk framework, leading assessments, the certifications, and the move from analyst to manager.

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A **Risk Manager** owns an organization's risk framework — setting risk appetite, leading assessments, and making sure the biggest threats are identified, owned, and mitigated.

WHAT THE ROLE OWNS

- The enterprise risk framework and risk appetite
- The risk assessment program and risk register
- Third-party / vendor risk and emerging risks (including AI)
- Risk reporting to executives, audit, and the board

FRAMEWORKS

ERM/COSO, NIST, ISO 31000, and the NIST AI RMF for AI risk. Strong stakeholder management is essential — risk lives across every function.

CERTIFICATIONS

CRISC is the cornerstone; **FRM/PRM** for quantitative risk; **CISA/CISM** for the security-risk track. Full credential details and salary data are in the [GRC Certifications Guide](#).

THE PATH

1. **Come up through risk analysis** — assessments, registers, reporting.
2. **Own a risk domain** end to end.
3. **Certify** — CRISC, then FRM or CISM by track.
4. **Lead** — risk appetite, board reporting, cross-functional influence.

Step — Apply

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does a Risk Manager do day to day?

Owns the risk framework and appetite, leads risk assessments, maintains the risk register, manages third-party and emerging (including AI) risk, and reports to executives and the board.

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