

February 2026 Supplement to *IAPP AIGP Study Guide*

The International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) frequently releases minor updates to the AIGP Body of Knowledge designed to keep the certification current and relevant. Version 2.1 of the Body of Knowledge, effective February 2026, expands several topics while preserving the overall structure.

This document serves as an update to the *IAPP AIGP Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional Study Guide* by Peter H. Gregory (Wiley, ISBN 978-1-394-36394-0), incorporating the principal additions and expanded areas of emphasis introduced in Version 2.1 of the AIGP Body of Knowledge.

The material is provided for the convenience of the reader using this document as a companion to the Study Guide.

This supplement is intended to be read alongside the study guide rather than as a replacement for any chapter. As with all technology certifications and professions, readers are encouraged to identify AI-related news sources to stay abreast of industry and regulatory developments.

Executive Summary

The transition from AIGP Body of Knowledge Version 2.0, issued in February 2025, to Version 2.1, issued in February 2026, is a targeted content update rather than a structural redesign. Both versions retain the same four main components and the same lifecycle-oriented view of AI governance. The principal changes are expansions and clarifications within that framework.

Version 2.1 broadens the treatment of AI-specific law, strengthens data and intellectual-property governance, gives greater prominence to third-party oversight and acceptable-use controls, and sharpens expectations for transparency, documentation, monitoring, and operational accountability. Core foundations—including the four-component organization, lifecycle governance, risk-based decision-making, and the use of laws, standards, and frameworks—remain stable.

Bottom line: Professionals who studied Version 2.0 do not need to relearn the certification from the beginning. They should preserve the four-component foundation and concentrate on the areas that Version 2.1 expands or clarifies.

Introduction

AIGP/US Exam Objectives

IAPP goes to great lengths to ensure that its certification programs accurately reflect the privacy profession's best practices. They also publish ranges for the number of exam questions that will come from each domain. The following table lists the four AIGP domains and the extent to which they are represented on the exam.

Domain	Chapters	Questions
I. Understanding the foundations of AI governance	1, 2, 3	16-20
II. Understanding how laws, standards, and frameworks apply to AI	4, 5, 6, 7	19-23
III. Understanding how to govern AI development	8, 9	21-25
IV. Understanding how to govern AI deployment and use	10, 11, 12	21-25

Topics Expanded or Clarified

Topic	Version 2.0	Version 2.1	Primary Coverage in This Study Guide
Regulatory landscape	Major laws and regulatory concepts	Broader AI-specific legal coverage and implementation consequences	• Chapter 5 • Chapter 6 • Chapter 7
Data governance	Data quality, suitability, and lifecycle considerations	More explicit policies, provenance, permitted use, and governance controls	• Chapter 3 • Chapter 4 • Chapter 8 • Chapter 9
Intellectual property	IP issues affecting AI	Stronger policy and control	• Chapter 5: Intellectual Property Laws and AI

Topic	Version 2.0	Version 2.1	Primary Coverage in This Study Guide
Third parties	Vendor and supply chain risk	Due diligence, contracts, oversight, and responsibility allocation	• Chapter 3: Policies to Manage Third Party Risk • Chapter 10: Monitoring Third Parties • Chapter 11: Risk Management in AI Supply Chains
Transparency	Responsible-AI principle and legal duty	Operational notices, explanations, disclosures, and user protections	• Chapter 4 • Chapter 5 • Chapter 6 • Chapter 7 • Chapter 8 • Chapter 11 • Chapter 12
Documentation	Records supporting governance	Demonstrable accountability across development and operations	• Chapter 3 • Chapter 4 • Chapter 6 • Chapter 8 • Chapter 9 • Chapter 10 • Chapter 11 • Chapter 12
Deployment oversight	Monitoring and operational risk	Continuous monitoring, change control, incidents, and continued compliance	• Chapter 10: Continuous Monitoring • Chapter 10: Assessing AI System Readiness for Production • Chapter 11: Incident Management and Disclosures • Chapter 12

Key Takeaway

Version 2.1 does not replace the Version 2.0 governance model. It makes that model more operational, more globally regulatory, and more evidence-driven. The AIGP book already emphasizes all of these.

What Did Not Change

The most important finding is structural continuity. Both versions use the same four main components:

Domain I: Understanding the Foundations of AI Governance.

Domain II: Understanding How Laws, Standards, and Frameworks Apply to AI.

Domain III: Understanding How to Govern AI Development.

Domain IV: Understanding How to Govern AI Deployment and Use.

The following foundational characteristics also remain intact:

- A lifecycle orientation spanning development, deployment, use, monitoring, and retirement.
- A risk-based approach to AI governance and organizational decision-making.
- Integration of legal, technical, ethical, and organizational considerations.
- Emphasis on cross-functional governance rather than governance as a purely legal or technical activity.
- Use of laws, standards, and frameworks to translate principles into organizational controls.

Chapter 2: Organizational Readiness

[Note: Version 2.1 increases emphasis on formal governance structures, and these additions elaborate on practices already discussed in Chapter 2.]

The AI Governance Charter

A *charter* is a formal document that defines the objectives of a program, its main timelines, the sources of funding, the location(s) of business records, the names of its principal leaders and managers, and the names of the business

executive(s) sponsoring the program. The AI governance roles and responsibilities described in this chapter should be documented in an AI governance program charter that is periodically reviewed and approved by executive leadership.

Organizations with other governance functions in place are encouraged to borrow the aspects of well-functioning governance programs for use in AI governance. This increases familiarity among stakeholders, helping AI governance feel like a normal, ongoing business activity.

The AI Steering Committee

AI governance proceedings are often performed by an *AI steering committee*, which consists of business and technical stakeholders who, according to roles and responsibilities defined in the AI governance charter, perform steering committee functions, including:

- Reviewing new AI system requests, business cases, and feasibility analyses
- Reviewing AI risk assessments
- Prioritizing the use of scarce resources
- Providing feedback on proposed changes to AI policy and other policies affecting AI

All steering committee proceedings should be documented in meeting minutes, decision logs, issues logs, and risk logs.