

# DAMA

## Data Governance

### Specialist Exam Guide

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## Introduction

The DAMA Data Governance Specialist exam (32442 Data Governance) evaluates your understanding of data governance principles and practices. It covers topics like data governance frameworks, policies, stewardship, compliance, and quality. The exam tests your ability to apply these concepts in real-world scenarios and make informed decisions regarding data management.

## Number of questions by DMBok chapter

- Chapter 2: **Data Handling Ethics**: ~30%
- Chapter 3: **Data Governance**: ~30%
- Chapter 15: **Data Management Maturity Assessment**: ~20%
- Chapter 12: **Metadata Management**: ~10%
- Other topics: ~10%

## Key themes in each category

### Data Handling Ethics

Main DMBok Chapter: **Chapter 2: Data Handling Ethics**

Questions from this category focus mostly on **drivers** for ethical data handling and key **principles** of ethical data handling.

### Data Governance

Main DMBok Chapter: **Chapter 3: Data Governance**

- Make sure to know well Data Governance roles most importantly **data steward**. A lot of questions will ask about the responsibilities and skills of data stewards. You need to know which types of data stewards can exist, like **Business Data Steward**, **Technical Data Steward** and so on.

- **Data Governance strategy.** You are asked how to perform a successful rollout of Data Governance in the organization and make it sustainable using change management approaches
- You will have to know how to identify **Regulatory compliance touchpoints** for Data Governance
- Be prepared to answer questions about how to choose the right Data Governance organizational model: **centralized, federated** or **hybrid**.
- You will also be tested on the understanding of the connection between **Data Governance, IT** and **Business** functions and their stake at Data Governance and Enterprise Data Management

## Data Management Maturity Assessment

Main DMBOK Chapter: [Chapter 15: Data Management Maturity Assessment](#)

- Know how to choose the most relevant **data maturity assessment** framework
- Know how to **interact** and **communicate** with stakeholders during the assessment
- You need to understand key Drivers and Benefits for conducting the DMM Assessment for the organization and articulate this to the stakeholders

## Metadata Management

Main DMBOK Chapter: [Chapter 12: Metadata Management](#), [Chapter 10: Reference and Master Data](#)

- Learn how to identify different types of metadata, for instance **technical, business** or **operational** metadata
- Understand what a **Reference Data** is, which external providers can exist (based on the DMBOK) and how Reference Data can be used.

## Other knowledge areas

- There will be a couple of questions related to **Data Quality**.
- Pay attention to **Change Management** for **Data Governance**. The exam will have several questions for how to overcome change resistance and make Data Governance sustainable. [Chapter 17: Data Management and Organizational Change Management](#) is highly relevant for this
- Some question will focus on the importance of communication in Data Governance

- There is a small number of questions related to **Data Security**. You should know the difference between **privacy vs security** and how data security accountability is typically implemented.
- Collaboration between different organization functions appears in some question. You must be comfortable identifying the right collaboration model and know how to overcome typical collaboration obstacles.
- One or two questions will be related to **Data Valuation**. **Chapter 1: Data Management** covers this very well.

## Things to remember

Do not assume that the exam is 100% based on a single DMBok chapter “Data Governance”. Questions will be from a few other knowledge areas as well: Ethics, Change Management, Metadata Management, Data Management Maturity.

Keep track of time, even though the duration is the same as for the Fundamentals exam, the style of questions requires more time to process them. Your average pace should be about 1 question per minute to be able to cover all questions.

Data Governance Specialist exam is significantly more relies on the DMBok content, as opposed to the Fundamentals. Approximately **70-80%** of the answers could be found in the book, while in Fundamentals this number is significantly lower, somewhere around **30-60%**.

There is **no practice exam** for Data Governance Specialist Exam, so make sure to adjust your strategy to this fact.

## Books to read before the exam

1. *DAMA-DMBOK: Data Management Body of Knowledge: 2nd Edition* - this is a must to read
2. *Data Governance: How to Design, Deploy and Sustain an Effective Data Governance Program*, John Ladley – pretty good book, from which DMBok to read a s well, DMBok borrows a lot of ideas and concepts from this one.