



One year to ISO 9001 and 14001 transition deadline

15 September 2017 marks one year before all organisations certified to the 2008 version of the quality management system standard ISO 9001 and the 2004 version of the environmental management system standard ISO 14001 need to have been re-certified to the 2015 versions of these two standards.

These two leading standards in quality and environmental management have been delivering benefits to organisations for 30 years now, with currently over 1.3 million certificates in almost 200 countries.

Both new versions of ISO 9001 and 14001 make very logical progressions from previous versions, delivering standards which address the key issues for both today and the future.

The new ISO 9001 promotes enhanced leadership involvement in the management system, introduces risk-based thinking and aligns the quality management system policy and objectives with the strategy of the organisation.

The changes in ISO 14001 focus on key issues such as protecting the environment improving environmental performance, lifecycle thinking and organisations' environmental leadership.

Realising the benefits of the new versions will deliver improved performance. Certification to the new standards then makes a strong and positive statement to customers – both existing and potential, suppliers and other key stakeholders of the commitment to quality and environmental management.

Access to markets, domestic and international, assistance in meeting regulatory requirements and a range of other positive outcomes will in turn be realised by continued certification to these standards.

Note that failure to achieve certification to the 2015 standard by the deadline means that your certification is no longer valid and this may affect your ability to supply to all markets.

If you are still to get your certificate to the new standards, the first step is to contact your certification body to make the appropriate arrangements and start realising the benefits of the world's two leading management system standards.

Further information on transition be found on [ISO 9001 here](#) and [ISO 14001 here](#).

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