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ISO 14001: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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Formats:	In Person	**Instructors:**	

OVERVIEW

The ISO 14001:2015 Environment Management Systems Lead Auditor Training Course provides participants with the knowledge and skills related to the preparation, planning, conducting, and reporting of audits and assessing the compliance of the Environment Management Systems (EMS) against the requirements of ISO 14001:2015. The course meets the training requirements of Chartered Quality Institute and the International Register of Certificated Auditors (CQI-IRCA) and provides delegates with the training essential in carrying out Environment management system audits.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to: – Understand the core principles and requirements of ISO 14001:2015. – Gain sufficient knowledge preparing, conducting, reporting & following-up an audit. – Gain sufficient knowledge on advising an organization on the preparation required prior to second- or third-party audits. – Develop strategies for setting and achieving environmental objectives and targets. – Learn to implement operational controls and emergency preparedness measures. – Gain sufficient knowledge on advising an organization on the preparation required prior to second- or third-party audits. – Gain knowledge on management review and continual improvement of the EMS.

COURSE OUTLINE

1- Module 1: Introduction to ISO 14001 and EMS Fundamentals 2- Module 2: Planning Your EMS: Aspects, Impacts, and Legal Requirements 3- Module 3: Implementation and Operation: Resources, Competence, and Controls 4- Module 4: Performance Evaluation: Monitoring, Auditing, and Management Review 5- Module 5: Continual Improvement and Certification Readiness

TARGET AUDIENCE

Environmental managers, sustainability officers, compliance officers, operations managers, internal auditors, and anyone involved in developing or maintaining an Environmental Management System.

METHODOLOGY

The course utilizes a blend of expert-led presentations, interactive case studies, group discussions,

and practical exercises focused on applying ISO 14001 principles to real-world scenarios.

CONCLUSION

Upon completion of this course, participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to effectively implement and manage an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System, contributing to their organization's environmental performance and sustainability goals.

DAILY AGENDA

Day 1: EMS Foundations & ISO Structure (Context, Roles, Risk-Based Thinking)

Day 1 introduces the Environmental Management System (EMS) by covering key definitions, purpose, and how an EMS supports organizational environmental performance. Participants build an understanding of EMS context and how it fits within the ISO High-Level Structure, ensuring clarity on how requirements are organized and applied. The day also focuses on defining organizational roles, responsibilities, and authorities to ensure accountability within the EMS. It concludes with how organizations identify and address risks and opportunities to strengthen environmental outcomes, followed by a review and Q&A to reinforce the core concepts.

Day 2: Environmental Aspects, Compliance Obligations & EMS Planning Support

Day 2 deepens participant capability by focusing on identifying environmental aspects and evaluating their impacts, which is central to building an effective EMS. Participants then cover compliance obligations and how to translate them into environmental objectives and planning actions. The day also addresses the support requirements needed to make the EMS work in practice—competence, awareness, and communication—ensuring people understand their EMS responsibilities. A hands-on workshop reinforces the practical application of these elements, and the day concludes with how to manage documented information to maintain control, consistency, and evidence of implementation.

Day 3: EMS Operation, Performance Monitoring & Continual Improvement

Day 3 focuses on operationalizing the EMS through effective operational planning and control. Participants learn how to monitor, measure, analyze, and evaluate environmental performance to ensure the system is delivering results. The day also covers core EMS performance and improvement mechanisms including internal audit programs, management review meetings, and how to handle nonconformities and corrective actions. A workshop provides hands-on practice to apply these concepts, and the day concludes with continual improvement—how to sustain progress and drive better environmental outcomes over time.

Day 4: EMS Auditing Principles & Audit Execution (Evidence, Checklists, Stage I & II)

Day 4 builds auditing competence by covering auditing principles and the personal attributes expected of an effective auditor. Participants learn how to plan and conduct audit activities, use audit checklists properly, and collect objective evidence through observation, interviewing, and document review. The day clarifies the differences and requirements of audit Stage I and Stage II, and includes a hands-on workshop to simulate key audit steps and strengthen practical confidence. A review and Q&A closes the day to confirm understanding before moving into reporting and closeout.

Day 5: Audit Reporting, Nonconformity Management & Follow-Up Closeout

Day 5 concentrates on finalizing audit outcomes through strong reporting and systematic follow-up. Participants learn how to classify nonconformities, evaluate effectiveness, and compile an audit summary report that is properly prepared, approved, and distributed. The day also covers follow-up actions and the full closeout cycle for audit findings, including how to manage and close major nonconformities. A hands-on workshop supports practical application, and the session ends with a review and Q&A to consolidate learning and ensure readiness for real-world EMS audit reporting and closure.

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