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ISO 9001:2015 Certification Transition Timeline



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- This document provides guidance for the transition from ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015 and has been prepared by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) in cooperation with ISO/TC 176/SC 2/WG 23 to provide advice to interested parties on transition arrangements to be considered before implementing ISO 9001:2015.
- It identifies activities which should be considered by relevant interested parties and increases understanding of the context of ISO 9001:2015. The revision introduces significant changes and will be published in September 2015.

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- **TRANSITION**

- The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (CASCO) have agreed to a three year transition period from the publication date of ISO 9001:2015.
- IAF Resolution 2013-15 was passed by the IAF General Assembly in Seoul on 23 October 2013 endorsing a 3 year transition period to ISO 9001:2015.

- **Validity of certifications to ISO 9001:2008**

- ISO 9001:2008 certifications will not be valid after three years from publication of ISO 9001:2015.
- The expiry date of certifications to ISO 9001:2008 issued during the transition period needs to correspond to the end of the three year transition period.

Transition Strategies for Organizations

- Organizations using ISO 9001:2008 are recommended to take the following actions:
 - Identify organizational gaps which need to be addressed to meet new requirements.
 - Develop an implementation plan.
 - Provide appropriate training and awareness for all parties that have an impact on the effectiveness of the organization.
 - Update the existing quality management system (QMS) to meet the revised requirements and provide verification of effectiveness.
 - Where applicable, liaise with their Certification Body for transition arrangements

Transition Strategies for CBs

- CBs are recommended to:
 - Train their auditors and verify the results to ensure the relevant level of competence is demonstrated.
 - Communicate regularly with national standards bodies.
 - Communicate regularly with ABs.
 - Communicate with other CBs to co-ordinate information.
 - Communicate with existing clients and share guidance on the transition process and arrangements for transition.
 - Plan the timing of audit and certification activities for the revised standard.
 - Consider the stated transition period and current certification period.
 - Plan the timing of certification decisions for upgrading certification documents.
 - *Encourage current users of ISO 9001:2008 to implement ISO 9001:2015 at an early stage, taking into account any changes that may occur during the DIS stage.*
 - *Encourage new users to implement ISO 9001:2015.*
 - Arrange audit schedules for existing client organizations

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Why has it been decided to issue a new version of ISO 9001?
- 2. Does ISO 9001 still apply to all organizations - big, small, different sectors and different items – products, services?
- 3 .How has the structure of the standard changed?
- 4. What are the main differences in content between the old and new version?
- 5. How have the documentation requirements changed?
- 6. The standard does not mention a quality manual. Is it still required?
- 7. Why has management review been moved to performance evaluation?
- 8. The title of management representative has been removed. How is the performance of the system reported to top management?
- 9. Why has product been changed to products and services?
- 10. What is risk-based thinking and why has it been introduced into the standard?
- 11. What has been changed in terms of planning?
- 12. Are organizations still allowed to exclude requirements of ISO 9001?
- 13. What is the process approach and is it still applicable to ISO 9001:2015?
- 14. What are the benefits of the new version of ISO 9001?

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