

Important Update on ISO 9001:2026 and ISO 14001:2026 Transition

Dear Clients,

We would like to inform you of the publication of the new editions of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001:

- **ISO 14001:2026** was published on 15 April 2026, replacing ISO 14001:2015.
- **ISO 9001:2026** was published on 16 September 2026, replacing ISO 9001:2015.

Key Updates

Both standards retain the Harmonized Structure (formerly Annex SL).

ISO 9001:2026 - Quality Management

- Greater focus on leadership and quality culture
- Stronger emphasis on strategic alignment
- Enhanced consideration of risks and opportunities
- Greater emphasis on people awareness and continual improvement
- Continued focus on customer satisfaction and effective QMS performance

ISO 14001:2026 - Environmental Management

- Greater focus on environmental performance
- Enhanced consideration of environmental aspects and impacts
- Continued emphasis on legal and regulatory compliance
- Greater focus on resource efficiency and continual improvement

Transition Period

Global ACI has published the transition requirements for both new editions. Organisations certified to the 2015 editions should complete their transition by the applicable deadline:

- **ISO 14001:2015:** transition to ISO 14001:2026 by **30 April 2029**.
- **ISO 9001:2015:** transition to ISO 9001:2026 by **30 September 2029**.

Please plan your transition with sufficient time for audit, review and certification decisions.

Transition Options

Under the published Global ACI transition requirements, transition may take place through:

- **Surveillance Visit:** transition during a scheduled surveillance audit
- **Reassessment:** transition during a scheduled reassessment
- **Special Transition Audit:** transition through a separate audit

AKS will advise clients on applicable scheduling and assessment arrangements. Please contact us to discuss your organisation's transition plan.

For More Information

To plan your ISO 9001:2026 and/or ISO 14001:2026 transition, please contact us:

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Thank you for your attention to this important update.

Kind regards,

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Published transition requirements

[Global ACI: ISO 9001:2026 transition requirements](#)

[Global ACI: ISO 14001:2026 transition requirements](#)