

# ISO 14001:2015

## Self-assessment questionnaire



### How ready are you?

We've developed this questionnaire to help you assess how ready your company is for an ISO 14001:2015 certification assessment. Completing this questionnaire provides an assessment of where your organization is in the implementation or transition process in relation to the main requirements of the standard.

#### Context of the organization

Has the organization determined the external and internal issues that are relevant to establishing the context of the organization?

Has the organization identified interested parties and their needs and expectations, and if you will adopt any of these as compliance obligations?

Has the organization determined the boundaries and applicability of the Environmental Management System (EMS)?

Has the organization established an EMS?

#### Leadership

Has top management committed to establishing an EMS and providing effective leadership in the continual improvement of the system?

Has the organization established an environmental policy?

Has the organization assigned responsibilities and authorities in respect of the EMS?

#### Planning

Does the organization follow a process that determines risks and opportunities?

Have the risks and opportunities been considered with regard to the context of the organization and the needs and expectations of interested parties?

Has the organization identified and evaluated its environmental aspects and impacts, and identified the risks and opportunities associated with adverse and beneficial impacts?

Has the organization determined and have access to its compliance obligations and determined how these apply?

Has the organization established an action plan to address the identified risks and opportunities and determined how these specifically apply to the organization?

Does the organization have plans in place to achieve environmental objectives?

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## Support

Has the organization provided adequate resources (including human, technological and financial) for establishing, maintaining and continually improving EMS?

Has the organization determined if the people working under the EMS have the competencies and/or training required to do so successfully so that the performance of the EMS isn't compromised?

Has the organization promoted awareness of environmental management so that people understand what will be required of them and if they have the right skills and competencies?

Has the organization planned, implemented and maintained a communication process operating internally and externally that takes compliance obligations into account and is consistent with the information generated by the EMS?

Has the organization established, maintained and sufficiently controlled documented information as required by the standard and determined necessary by the organization?

## Operation

Has the organization determined, planned and implemented control of the processes to meet the requirements of the EMS?

Has the organization considered the life cycle perspective where appropriate when procuring products and services, designing its products and services, communications with contractors and end users?

Has the organization established and implemented a process specifying how it will respond to potential environmental emergency situations?

## Performance evaluation

Has the organization determined details, methods and frequency of areas of operation that need to be monitored, measured, analyzed and evaluated in order to establish the performance and effectiveness of the EMS?

Has the organization established and implemented a process to evaluate the organization's level of conformance with its compliance obligations, recording the results?

Has the organization established, implemented and maintained an EMS internal audit program and documented evidence of the results?

Has the organization undertaken management reviews of the EMS, does the output of the review include opportunities to improve the integration of the EMS in to other business processes if needed?

## Improvement

Does the organization react effectively to any nonconformity identified within its EMS and maintain documented information where appropriate?

Does the organization continually improve its EMS to enhance its environmental performance?

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