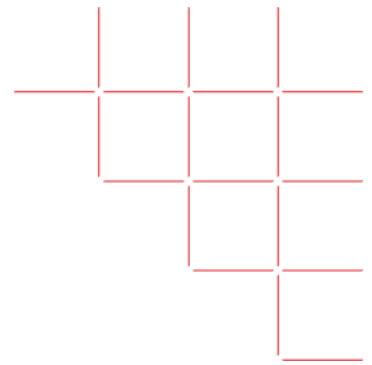




ISO 9001:2026 – TRANSITION AND READINESS CHEATSHEET

The 2026 revision of ISO 9001 updates the world's leading quality management system standard to reflect today's operating environment. Reviewing and transitioning to the latest edition will help organizations keep their quality management systems (QMS) current, effective and aligned with evolving business needs and market pressures.

☐ **Familiarize yourself the key changes and new concepts in ISO 9001:2026 early:**

- Leadership, quality culture and ethical behaviour
- Distinction between risks and opportunities
- Change management

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☐ **Determine who needs awareness of the new edition, and inform the key stakeholders:**

- Top management
- Process owners
- Quality professionals
- Internal auditors
- Operational teams

☐ **Reflect on your current quality management system (QMS):**

- Review your context: are there any new or changing issues (regulations, supply chain, sustainability factors, new products or services, workforce)?
- Have interested party needs and expectations changed?
- Do your quality management objectives need refining?
- Are your processes robust and interacting effectively? Can anything be improved?
- Are there any critical information gaps? Do you need to gather additional data to transition?

- ☐ **If your organization implements or plans to implement several management system standards, are they properly integrated? Consider seeking additional guidance on integrated management systems (IMS)**
- ☐ **If you are a small business, focus on how the changes apply to your organization's size, activities and context, avoiding unnecessary complexity**
- ☐ **Follow guidance from your certification body in terms of your re-certification timeline if applicable**
- ☐ **Develop a high-level transition plan, including key milestones and responsibilities**