

# Transition guideline and procedure (Plan) for QCS (From ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015)



The adoption of a Quality Management System is a strategic decision for an Organization that can help to improve its overall performance and provide a sound basis for sustainable development initiatives.

Reference- ISO 9001:2015

## AIM OF THE DOCUMENT

The aim of this Transition Guideline document is facilitating your meeting the requirements of the new international standard for Quality Management Systems (QMS) ISO 9001:2015, which replaces the previous version ISO 9001:2008.

## WHY THE CHANGE

As per ISO, All ISO standards are reviewed every five years to establish if a revision is required to keep it current and relevant for the marketplace. ISO 9001:2015 is designed to respond to the latest trends and be compatible with other management systems.

There are a number of objectives associated with this revision, but there are three that are considered most critical.

- 1. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) wants to see the ISO 9001 and all of its other standards continue to grow in terms of numbers of registrations. There is a lingering perception that ISO 9001 is somehow overbearing or obtrusive to service organization*

2. *There has been a targeted effort to simplify language used to aid in understanding & promote consistency between accreditation bodies, certification bodies, auditors & clients.*
  
3. *There has been a long standing desire to simplify and streamline the process for companies that wish to achieve multiple certifications (such as ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.) For example, many of these companies currently feel compelled to maintain multiple sets of quality and procedures manuals. This new re-write is attempting to address these and other concerns.*

## COMPARING ISO 9001:2008 WITH ISO 9001:2015:

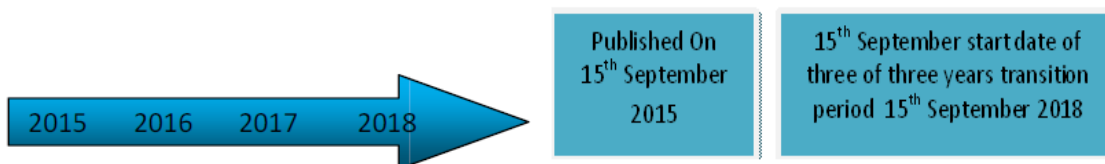
The most noticeable change to the standard is its new structure. ISO 9001:2015 now follows the same overall structure as other ISO management system standards (known as the High-Level Structure), making it easier for anyone using multiple management systems. More information can be found in Annex SL of ISO/IEC Directives Part 1 (the rules for developing ISO standards).

Another major difference is the focus on risk-based thinking. While this has always been part of the standard, the new version gives it increased prominence.

The new version of the standard brings the user a number of benefits. For example, ISO 9001:2015:

- Puts greater emphasis on leadership engagement
- Helps address organizational risks and opportunities in a structured manner
- Uses simplified language and a common structure and terms, which are particularly helpful to organizations using multiple management systems, such as those for the environment, health & safety, or business continuity.
- Addresses supply chain management more effectively.
- Is more user-friendly for service and knowledge-based organizations.
- Aligning QMS policy and objectives with the strategy of the organization
- Also there are a number of changes with respect to the terminology outlined in the table below

### Transition Process:



### **Certified organizations using ISO 9001:2008 are recommended to take the following actions:-**

- I. Identify the organizational gaps which needs to be addressed to meet new requirements
- II. Develop an implementation plan
- III. Provide appropriate training and awareness for all parties that have an impact on the effectiveness of the organization
- IV. Update the existing quality management system to meet the revised requirements and provide verification of the effectiveness.

**QCS will implement the transition in the phased manner as under:**

**For New Applicants:**

QCS will not accept any new applications as per ISO 9001:2008 from 1st Jan 2017. All applications thereafter will be accepted only as ISO 9001:2015.

The validity of the certificates granted to organizations as per ISO 9001:2008 may be increased to make the certificate valid for a full three years only after ascertaining the conformity to ISO 9001:2015.

**For Existing Certified Organizations:**

1. All the certificate for ISO 9001:2008 version issued after 15 September 2015 will have a expiry period up to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
2. The audit required to review the transition to new standard, i.e ISO 9001:2015 can be combined with the scheduled Surveillance and Recertification Audit or it can be conducted as a special audit based on the clients preference & priority.
3. QCS Clients should inform about the tentative date for the audit to QCS head office at their earliest for making the audit planning. The organizations will have to implement the QMS as per ISO 9001:2015 for at least a period of six months prior to the transition audit.
4. The Transition audit will be an additional audit even though if it's a surveillance audit. During the audit the unclosed non conformances from previous audit will be reviewed and evaluated with reference to ISO 9001:2015.
5. QCS will spend audit duration equal to surveillance or recertification audit duration plus additional man-day as stated in the QCS Transition Plan if combined with surveillance and recertification audit.
6. During the Transition audit, the evaluation of the findings of the audit, closure of the non-conformances observed, evaluation of the corrective actions and compliance to ISO 9001:2015 will be checked prior to recommendation for approval to ISO 9001:2015 by QCS.
7. The complete process should be completed prior to the expiry of ISO 9001:2008 certificate i.e till 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2018.
8. In case the Organization fails to conform to ISO 9001:2015 during the transition audit but conforms to ISO 9001:2008 then the certification to ISO 9001:2008 will continue till 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2018 and after that the certificates will be subsequently withdrawn from QCS as well as JAS-ANZ register.
9. All the certificates will be recall back which has been issued after 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 with the expiry date of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and will be replaced with new certificate with the validity period of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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