

ISO 9001:2026 & 14001:2026 – Important Quality & Environmental Management Systems Update

Dear Client,

We would like to advise you of the new publication of **ISO 14001:2026**, the revised version of the Environmental Management Systems (EMS) standard, and the soon to be published **ISO 9001:2026** Quality Management System (QMS) standard.

These new editions introduce a stronger focus not only on emerging climate and environmental challenges but also the systems can embrace quality culture and ethical aspects. There are improvements, clarity and usability of the standards for organizations of all sizes

What are the key changes?

The revised standard places greater emphasis on:

- Improved structure, reordered clauses, and clearer language to enhance usability and alignment with other ISO management system standards
- Expanded Annex's – explains the clauses

ISO9001:2026	ISO14001:2026
Climate change considerations	Climate change considerations
Leadership - Quality Culture added	Biodiversity protection and the broader environmental impacts of organizational activities
Leadership - Ethics expanded	Resource availability and pollution prevention when assessing environmental risks and opportunities.
Policy to be understood by all	An enhanced life cycle perspective, requiring organizations to consider environmental impacts across the full lifecycle of products and services
Performance to be reported & monitored	A new requirement for change management, ensuring planned changes to the EMS are effectively managed and controlled
Risk & Opportunities – split (Reactive vs Proactive) and addressing/monitoring of opportunities	Expanded operational controls covering externally provided products, services, and processes, rather than focusing solely on outsourced processes
Organisational Knowledge Awareness extra requirements	Increased focus on the quality and reliability of environmental data and performance metrics

Transition and Implementation

The revised **ISO 14001:2026** standard is now available, having been published in **April 2026**.

The revised **ISO 9001:2026** standard will be available in **September 2026**.

A **three-year transition period** from the date of publication will be in place, Details around this will be communicated separately.

While transition requirements are still being finalised, organizations are encouraged to begin familiarising themselves with the new requirements and considering any potential impacts on their Environmental Management System.

How Telarc is Supporting the Transition

Telarc is currently reviewing the revised standards and will be undertaking a detailed comparison of the requirements of both **ISO 9001:2026 & ISO 14001:2026 against the 2015 versions**. A comparison table and additional guidance material and checklist will be made available to clients once this review has been completed.

Telarc is liaising with JASANZ re ability/permission to start auditing against the new versions. Telarc is expecting to be able to audit against the new version later in 2026.

In the meantime, we encourage clients to discuss the revised requirements with their auditor during upcoming audits to help identify potential gaps and begin transition planning.

Availability of the Standard

The new standards will be/are currently available directly from the ISO website for approximately **CHF 196.00** each.

It is understood that the standard will be available through **Standards New Zealand** but this timeline for this is currently unknown. It is likely that there will be **AS/NZS ISO9001:2026 & AS/NZS ISO 14001:2026** versions.

We will continue to keep clients informed as further transition guidance becomes available.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming changes or their potential impact on your certification, please contact the Telarc team.

Kind regards,



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