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ISO 14001:2026 – Lead Auditor

Course No. 103A



Duration

28 Hours



Modules

9 Modules



Format

Instructor-driven via
Zoom



Outcome

QPS Certificate

COURSE OVERVIEW

ISO 14001:2026 represents the latest evolution of the world's leading Environmental Management System (EMS) standard. This Lead Auditor course provides participants with an in-depth knowledge of the updated ISO 14001:2026 requirements, enhanced environmental performance obligations, and strengthened climate change considerations.

Participants will develop the competencies to plan, conduct, report, and follow up on EMS audits at the lead auditor level — aligned with ISO 19011:2026 auditing guidelines and the 2026 revisions, including the new EMS change-management clause (6.3), the expanded life-cycle perspective, and broader context requirements covering biodiversity, ecosystem health, and natural resource availability.

LEARNING OUTCOMES & KEY TAKEAWAYS

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Understand the updated ISO 14001:2026 requirements and key changes from the 2015 version
- ✓ Evaluate environmental aspects, impacts, and compliance obligations under the 2026 revision
- ✓ Apply risk-based thinking including climate change risks and opportunities
- ✓ Plan and conduct EMS audits aligned with ISO 19011:2026 and ISO 14001:2026
- ✓ Evaluate audit evidence, document nonconformities, and prepare audit reports
- ✓ Assess the effectiveness of corrective actions and drive continual improvement
- ✓ Demonstrate lead auditor competence including objectivity, ethics, and communication skills
- ✓ Understand the new EMS change-management requirements (Clause 6.3) and the expanded life-cycle perspective in the 2026 standard
- ✓ Understand the significance of legal, regulatory, and stakeholder requirements in EMS auditing

COURSE CURRICULUM

Module

Title

Key Topics Covered

MODULE 1	Introduction to EMS & ISO 14001:2026 Overview	EMS fundamentals, purpose and benefits, overview of ISO 14001:2026, key changes from 2015 version
MODULE 2	Context of the Organization & Interested Parties	Internal and external issues, needs of interested parties, scope of the EMS, climate change obligations
MODULE 3	Leadership, Planning & Environmental Policy	Top management obligations, environmental policy, objectives, risk-based thinking, aspects and impacts
MODULE 4	Environmental Aspects, Impacts & Compliance	Identifying and evaluating environmental aspects and impacts, legal and compliance obligations register
MODULE 5	Support, Operations & Emergency Preparedness	Competence, communication, documented information, operational controls, emergency preparedness
MODULE 6	Performance Evaluation & Continual Improvement	Monitoring, measurement, compliance evaluation, internal audit, management review, corrective action
MODULE 7	Introduction to Auditing & ISO 19011:2026	Audit principles, types of audits, auditor roles, audit program management, ISO 19011:2026 guidelines including remote/hybrid audit methods
MODULE 8	Audit Planning, Preparation & Conducting the Audit	Audit plan development, checklists, opening meeting, gathering evidence, audit trail techniques
MODULE 9	Audit Reporting, Follow-Up & Lead Auditor Competence	Nonconformity writing, audit report, closing meeting, corrective action follow-up, auditor ethics and competence

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

The seminar leader is an Certified Lead Auditor ISO 14001:2026 with over 20 years' experience in implementing ISO 14001 and other management systems.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Environmental & Audit Professionals

- ▶ EMS auditors and lead auditors
- ▶ Environmental managers and coordinators
- ▶ Consultants in environmental management
- ▶ Quality, HSE, and compliance professionals
- ▶ Anyone pursuing lead auditor certification in ISO 14001:2026

Regulatory & Sustainability Teams

- ▶ Regulatory and sustainability officers
- ▶ Internal auditors expanding to EMS
- ▶ Operations and facility managers
- ▶ Professionals with practical audit experience
- ▶ Anyone seeking EMS lead auditor competency

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