

ISO 14001:2026 Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Auditor Conversion Training Course



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is certificated by the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI) and International Register of Certificated Auditors (IRCA), CQI and IRCA Course Certification Number 2782 – PR377.

This course aims to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to perform first-, second- and third-party audits of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) against ISO 14001:2026 in accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1, as appropriate.

DURATION:	3 Days 24 Hours	DELIVERY:	Face to Face VILT
ACCREDITATION:	SGS CQI and IRCA	LANGUAGE:	English



SUPPORT TRANSFER OF EXISTING
AUDITING SKILLS TO ISO 14001:2026



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Explain the purpose of an Environmental Management System (EMS) and the business and societal benefits of improving environmental performance.
- Explain the role of an Auditor to plan, conduct, report and follow-up an audit of an EMS in accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1, where appropriate.
- Plan, conduct, report and follow-up an audit of an EMS to establish conformity (or otherwise) with ISO 14001:2026 in accordance with ISO 19011 (and ISO/IEC 17021-1, where appropriate).

Learners will need to demonstrate acceptable performance in these areas to complete the course successfully.

AUDIENCE

This course is designed for learners who wish to transfer their existing auditing skills from other management systems to those needed for EMS.

COURSE CONTENT

SESSION ONE: Environmental Management Systems (ISO 14000 Series of Standards)

SESSION TWO: Process-Based EMS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

SESSION THREE: Preparing for the On-site Audit (Audit Stage 1)

SESSION FOUR: Audit Review

SESSION FIVE: Audit Reporting and Follow-up (Audit Stage 2)

PRE-EXAMINATION BRIEFING

EXAMINATION

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PRE-REQUISITE / REQUIREMENT

All learners for this conversion course should have successfully completed a full 5-day CQI and IRCA certified Auditor/Lead Auditor course in another scheme prior to attending this course. This is a pre-requisite requirement to register on the CQI and IRCA Auditor Certification scheme.

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

It is recommended that learners have knowledge of the following:

- Environmental management principles and concepts:
 - the concept of environmental, sustainable development whereby an organisation must ensure that actions of today do not degrade the environment of the future;
 - the purpose of an initial review as the basis for establishing an environmental management system where none currently exists;
 - evaluation of activities, products and services to establish the environmental aspects associated with normal operating conditions, abnormal conditions such as start-up and shutdown, and emergency situations and accidents.
- Considerations of environmental aspects with respect to:
 - emission to air, release to water and release to land;
 - use of raw materials, natural resources and energy;
 - energy emitted and lost, for example: heat, radiation, vibration, steam, and compressed air;
 - public nuisance such as light pollution, noise, vibration and odour;
 - the maintenance of given ecosystems (watercourses, SSSIs, etc.).
- Environmental legislation and how compliance forms part of an environmental management system.
- Typical methods for evaluation of the significant impacts of the environmental aspects identified and how their ranking influences operational control and priorities for improvement.
- Knowledge of the requirements of ISO 14001:2026, which may be gained by completing a CQI and IRCA certified EMS Foundation training course.



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ADDITIONAL RELATED TRAINING

- ISO 14001:2026 – Foundation; Internal Auditor; Lead Auditor; Transition
- Integrated Management Systems (IMS) Internal Auditor (ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001)
- ISO 19011 – Auditing Management Systems - Guidelines

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COURSE CERTIFICATION

On completion of this course:

- Learners who pass both the examination and continuous assessment will be issued with a “Certificate of Achievement” that satisfies the formal training for an individual seeking certification as a CQI and IRCA Auditor / Lead Auditor. The “Certificate of Achievement” is valid for a period of five years from the date of the examination for the purpose of certifying as an Auditor with the CQI and IRCA.
- Learners who fail the examination and pass the continuous assessment will receive a “Certificate of Attendance” and will be allowed to re-sit the examination within 12 months of the date of the first examination.



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