

ISO 14001:2026 Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Internal Auditor 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 2780 – PT265.

The objective of this course is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to perform an internal audit of part of an Environmental Management System (EMS) based on ISO 14001:2026, report on the effective implementation and maintenance of the management system in accordance with ISO 19011 and to contribute to the continual improvement of the management system.

DURATION: 2 Days
16 Hours

ACCREDITATION: SGS
CQI and IRCA

DELIVERY: Face to Face
VILT

LANGUAGE: English

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- With reference to the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle, explain the process-based environmental management system (EMS) model for ISO 14001:2026, and the role of internal audit in the maintenance and improvement of an EMS.
- Explain the role and responsibilities of an Auditor to plan conduct, report and follow up an internal EMS audit, in accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1 where appropriate.
- Plan, conduct, report and follow up an internal audit of part of an EMS based on ISO 14001:2026, and in accordance with 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 individuals interested to understand and conduct internal audits against ISO 14001:2026.

COURSE CONTENT

- **SESSION ONE** – Introduction to the ISO 14000 Series of Management System Standards
- **SESSION TWO** – ISO 14001:2026 – Interpretation for Audit
- **SESSION THREE** – Audit Definition and Principles
- **SESSION FOUR** – Planning and Preparing for the Audit
- **SESSION FIVE** – Conducting the Audit
- **SESSION SIX** – Audit Reporting and Follow up
- **SESSION SEVEN** – Auditor Competence and Certification
- **EXAMINATION**

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UNDERSTAND HOW TO CONDUCT
INTERNAL AUDITS AGAINST
ISO 14001:2026



PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Before starting this course, learners are expected to have the following prior knowledge:

- Management systems:
 - understand the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycle;
 - knowledge of environmental management systems (EMS) and the requirements of ISO 14001:2026.
- Environmental management:
 - 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 EMS 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 e.g. heat, radiation, vibration, steam, and compressed air;
 - public nuisance such as light pollution, noise, and odour.
 - environmental legislation and how legal compliance forms part of an EMS;
 - typical methods for evaluation of the significant impacts of the environmental aspects identified and how their ranking influences operational control and priorities for improvement.

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ADDITIONAL RELATED TRAINING

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

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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 Internal Auditor. The “Certificate of Achievement” is valid for a period of five years from the date of the examination certifying as an Internal Auditor with the CQI and IRCA.
- Learners who fail the written examination and pass the continuous assessment will receive a “Certificate of Attendance” and will be allowed to resit the examination within 12 months of the date of the first examination.



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