

ISO 20400 STANDARD – GUIDANCE ON SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT



What is ISO 20400?

ISO 20400 is the world's first international standard for sustainable procurement. It provides guidance to any organization, regardless of its activity or size, on integrating sustainability within procurement, as described in [ISO 26000 \(guidance on social responsibility\)](#).

Why is ISO 20400 important?

The globally recognized standard is designed for stakeholders involved in, or affected by, procurement decisions and processes. ISO 20400's main guidelines cover crucial sustainability considerations, integrating sustainability into the organization's procurement policy and strategy, managing risks and opportunities, planning and integrating sustainability into processes, and measuring and improving sustainable procurement performance.

What we offer

Combining our world-leading certification services with more than 30 years of sustainability leadership, we are a proven partner to support your ISO 20400 journey. We offer in-depth expertise to determine your competency and support your ongoing improvement through our performance assessment.

Who is it for?

Any organization wanting to integrate sustainability within procurement.

Key benefits

- Set yourself on the path to improving your social, economic and environmental sustainability
- Develop and implement sustainable purchasing practices and policies
- Adopt a holistic approach to buying that considers the product or service's entire life cycle
- Enhance resource usage and reduce costs through a life-cycle approach
- Cultivate a systematic approach to engaging all supply chain stakeholders in contributing to sustainability
- Positively contribute to workers' rights, legal environmental obligations and economic equity across the supply chain
- Gain recognition of your sustainability practices and create a competitive advantage
- Enhance risk management and opportunity realization
- Contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16

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