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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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.

The course refers to ISO 14001:2026 as the management system standard that provides the context for an internal audit. However, this course does not address ISO 14001:2026 in detail.

DURATION:	2 Days 16 Hours	DELIVERY:	Face to Face VILT
ACCREDITATION:	SGS	LANGUAGE:	English

> UNDERSTAND HOW TO CONDUCT INTERNAL AUDITS AGAINST ISO 14001:2026

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 19011:2018 and ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 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 17021-1:2015 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 Preparation for the Audit
- **SESSION FIVE:** Conducting the Audit
- **SESSION SIX:** Audit Reporting and Follow-up
- **SESSION SEVEN:** Auditor Competence

COURSE CERTIFICATION

On completion of this course learners will be issued with a “Certificate of Attendance”.

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ADDITIONAL RELATED TRAINING

- ISO 14001:2026 – Introduction; Implementation; Transition
- Integrated Management Systems (IMS) Internal Auditor (ISO 14001:2026, ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018)
- ISO 19011 Auditing Management Systems - Guidelines

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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.