

Changes in ISO 9001:2008 Quality Standard

A paper written by Larry Whittington describes the changes expected in the ISO 9001:2008 quality standard based on the content of its final draft version.

Sept. 16, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- According to a joint announcement by the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and the IAF (International Accreditation Forum), the two organizations have agreed to an implementation plan for a smooth migration to ISO 9001:2008.

- 1) Certification to ISO 9001:2008 will only be issued after publication of ISO 9001:2008 (expected before the end of 2008) and after a routine surveillance audit or re-certification audit against ISO 9001:2008.
- 2) One year after publication of ISO 9001:2008, all certifications issued (new certifications and re-certifications) must be to ISO 9001:2008.
- 3) Two years after publication of ISO 9001:2008, existing ISO 9001:2000 certifications will not be valid.

This transition plan is possible, because ISO and IAF have agreed that ISO 9001:2008 introduces no new requirements. The revised quality standard only introduces clarifications to the existing ISO 9001:2000 requirements, and changes to improve consistency with ISO 14001:2004, the environmental standard.

ISO 9001:2008 Differences

You can read about the changes in ISO 9001:2008 vs. ISO 9001:2000 by downloading my paper, ISO 9001:2008 Differences, from my web site. It is a PDF file with 19 pages describing every text change throughout the standard. Go to this link:

<http://www.whittingtonassociates.com/v2/resources/iso9000...>

Deleted ISO 9001:2000 text is indicated by strikethroughs. New ISO 9001:2008 text is highlighted and underlined. The underlining will allow readers to distinguish the new text, even if the paper is printed without color.

Most of the text in ISO 9001:2000 has not been affected by ISO 9001:2008 and is not repeated in the paper. Revised text is shown in *Italics* to distinguish it from comments.

Note: The ISO 9001:2008 differences are explained using the content of ISO/FDIS 9001:2008 and may change when ISO 9001:2008 is published.

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