Shaping a World of Trust

PR315 CQI IRCA ISO 14001: 2026 LEAD AUDITOR TRAINING

Course Overview

This comprehensive course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to effectively lead and conduct audits based on the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) standard. Participants will gain a deep understanding of ISO 14001 requirements, audit principles, techniques, and best practices. Through interactive sessions, practical exercises, and case studies, participants will develop the expertise necessary to plan, execute, and report on EMS audits in accordance with ISO 19011 guidelines.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Understand the principles and requirements of ISO 14001: Environmental Management Systems.
- Gain proficiency in auditing techniques and methodologies.
- Develop the skills to plan, conduct, report, and follow up on ISO 14001 audits.
- Learn how to lead audit teams effectively and manage audit processes.
- Enhance communication and interpersonal skills necessary for conducting audits.
- Acquire knowledge of relevant legal and regulatory requirements related to environmental management.
- Gain insights into continuous improvement strategies and best practices for EMS.

Benefits of the Course.

- Enhanced Skills: Participants gain comprehensive knowledge of ISO 14001 and advanced auditing techniques.
- Professional Development: Boosts career prospects and credibility as ISO 14001 lead auditors.
- Improved Audits: Participants conduct more effective audits, identifying nonconformities and offering valuable recommendations.
- Organizational Compliance: Ensures adherence to environmental standards and regulations, reducing risks and maintaining certification.
- Cost Savings: Identifies inefficiencies, reduces waste, and prevents environmental incidents, leading to cost savings.
- Continuous Improvement: Emphasizes ongoing improvement in environmental management systems through corrective actions and verification.
- Enhanced Reputation: Demonstrates commitment to environmental stewardship, enhancing organizational reputation among stakeholders.

Duration of training

5 days

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Language
English

Who Should Attend
Management team members or personnel who are involved in EMS audit.

Prerequisite for Participant
Participants should have a good understanding of ISO 14001 requirements.

Learning Methodology
This course is highly interactive and utilizes methodology including group discussions, case studies, participant presentations, and group & individual challenges (if applicable).

Course Certification
Participants will be issued a CQI IRCA certified training course certificate.

Additional Information
NA

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Course Summary

Day 1	Programme
9:00 am	*Registration and Ice-breaking*
9:15 am – 12:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Introduction to ISO 14001 and Environmental Management Systems • Terms and definitions of ISO 14001. • Overview of ISO standards and the ISO 14001 standard
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	*Lunch*
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Principles of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) • Key concepts and benefits of ISO 14001 certification • Understanding the structure and requirements of ISO 14001:2026 • Context of the organization and interested parties. *Q&A Session*
5:30 pm	*End of Course*

**Short breaks will be taken at appropriate times in the morning and afternoon.*

Day 2	Programme
9:00 am	*Registration and Ice-breaking*
9:15 am – 12:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Audit Principles and Processes • Introduction to auditing principles and terminology • Overview of audit types: first-party, second-party, and third-party audits
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	*Lunch*

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	• Roles and responsibilities of auditors and audit teams • Audit planning: scope, objectives, criteria, and resources • Conducting opening meetings and establishing audit trails
5:30 pm	*End of Course*

**Short breaks will be taken at appropriate times in the morning and afternoon.*

Day 3	Programme
9:00 am	*Registration and Ice-breaking*
9:15 am – 12:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Audit Techniques and Methodologies • Risk-based approach to auditing. • Gathering evidence and conducting interviews
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	*Lunch*
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Document review and sampling techniques. • Nonconformity identification and classification • Practical exercises on audit techniques
5:30 pm	*End of Course*

Short breaks will be taken at appropriate times in the morning and afternoon.

Day 4	Programme
9:00 am	*Registration and Ice-breaking*
9:15 am – 12:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Audit Reporting and Follow-Up • Reporting audit findings: content and format • Writing effective audit reports • Conducting closing meetings and providing feedback • Follow-up activities: corrective actions and verification • Role-play scenarios on audit reporting and follow-up

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	*Lunch*
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Document review and sampling techniques. • Nonconformity identification and classification • Practical exercises on audit techniques
5:30 pm	*End of Course*

Short breaks will be taken at appropriate times in the morning and afternoon.

Day 5	Programme
9:00 am	*Registration and Ice-breaking*
9:15 am – 12:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • Summary of the course • CQI IRCA ISO 14001 Examination
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	*Lunch*
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	***What you will learn:*** • CQI IRCA ISO 14001 Examination
5:30 pm	*End of Course*