One of the things that sets us apart, here at QMS, is our commitment to stripping away the hassle and making things work for our customers on a day-to-day basis. We don’t want to see our manuals sitting on shelves. We believe in simple, practical ways of working to bring reduced costs, improved efficiency and enhanced reputation.

The best part is that even after you’ve gained certification, we’ll continue to support you at every step. We also offer a range of support, training and certification services, to help you:

- **Training**
  - Internal audits, Management Reviews, handling non-conformances and keeping your manual up to date can all seem a bit daunting. Don’t worry. We’ll help you and your team to manage every aspect of your Environmental Management System in a way that gets the results you need. We offer on-site training courses, nationwide, throughout the year.

- **Support**
  - QMS can offer support to any organisation with an existing Environmental Management System in operation. Our support packages start from £49 per month and include an annual on-site visit, as well as telephone and email support.

- **Manual Compliance**
  - If you have drafted your own manual or asked a consultant to draft it on your behalf, we offer a FREE desktop review. Subject to passing the review, a compliance audit will be arranged to ensure that the manual has been implemented correctly. If all goes to plan, we’ll then present you with your certification.

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Understanding ISO 14001: 2015
Implementing an Environmental Management System
What is ISO 14001 : 2015?

The ISO 14001 : 2015 Standard sets out what is expected from a ‘best practice’ Environmental Management System. By meeting the requirements of this Standard, and having gained certification, you’ll be able to demonstrate to your customers that you are committed to acting in an environmentally responsible way.

The standard can be used by any organisation, regardless of size or sector. It addresses the environmental aspects of activities, products and services that an organisation can either control or influence from a life cycle perspective, but it does not state specific environmental performance criteria.

This Standard gives you, your staff and your customers reassurance that you are managing your environmental responsibilities in a systematic way. This can then help you to identify cost savings, ensure legislative awareness and compliance and enhance your reputation.

The seven principal elements are:

1. Context of the Organisation
2. Leadership
3. Planning
4. Operation
5. Performance Evaluation
6. Improvement
7. Support

Help create a world where the environment doesn’t need protecting

What does ISO 14001 include?

The ISO 14001 : 2015 Standard covers a wide range of environmental management principles – everything from your approach to environmental audits and measuring your performance, through to communication, labelling and life cycle analyses, as well as environmental challenges such as climate change.

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The next step is ensuring that someone takes a leadership role in the Environmental Management System is at the core of your business activities, and that it is clear how you are managing your Environment. We want your Environmental Management System to be relevant to the way you operate – this might include guidance relating to environmental best practice, which will help your staff to understand and implement these new activities.

5. Performance Evaluation

We need your Environmental Management System to be relevant to your organisation and practice for the people responsible for operations.

A. To start with you need to consider the world in which you operate – that means the external issues such as legal requirements, relevant environmental issues, the availability of new technology and economic issues.

B. Once you’ve done this it’s time to review any relevant internal issues – that means business and financial objectives, and the internal activities, resources, the capability of your staff and your organisation’s wound culture.

C. Finally, you need to determine the people and other organisations that might be interested in your environmental performance, or those that might benefit from the management of the environmental aspects of your operations.

6. Improvement

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This is all about practicing what you preach. That means providing the necessary resources to implement these environmental ‘promises’ – this might include staffing, training, job specifications, and the way in which your Environmental Management System works within your organisation. This is all about providing the necessary resources to implement these environmental ‘promises’ – this might include staffing, training, job specifications, and the way in which your Environmental Management System works within your organisation.

What can I get an ISO 14001 : 2015 Environmental Management System to work in my business?

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By working with a QMS Consultant, you will be able to achieve certification in less than 30 days. That’s regardless of whether you have done this before or not.

We have developed a simple, three stage certification process:

Stage 1: Manual

We start by looking at your organisation to select what’s called a ‘Gap Analysis’. This will highlight any changes that need to be made to both your policies and procedures to meet the requirements of the Standard. We will also issue a GAP Analysis report, from which you can start to identify the changes that need to be made.

Stage 2: Implementation

Now it is time to make sure those changes highlighted in the Gap Analysis are all in place of application. We can help you do this by providing templates and tutorial videos. We also offer unlimited telephone support, from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Stage 3: Certification

In order for you to gain certification an accredited auditor must now visit your Organisation. They’ll check that the documented processes are in place and working, and that the environmental changes have been made. Following all is in place you will be presented with your certificates.

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