



Background

Climate change and other environmental concerns have raised the awareness of stakeholders in many organisations. Organisations need to have access to trained environmental auditors who can carry out a variety of audits to give management confidence that environmental concerns and legal compliance issues are being properly addressed by the business. This reduces the risk to the business and its impact upon the environment.

Environmental management systems (EMS) have become an essential part of the strategy for business improvement. ISO 14001 and EMAS provide requirements for establishing the EMS of an organisation. The emergence of these standards has created the need for professional personnel within the business with the capability to assess the EMS impartially and effectively. External certification of those systems by accredited certification bodies provides a public statement of the organisation's policy for the environment and its implementation of appropriate controls to limit its impacts.

Course Objectives

The aim of this course is to help auditors of other management systems (QMS, OHSAS etc) to transfer their skills to auditing EMS systems to ISO 14001.

The course will enable delegates to:

- Interpret ISO 14001 guidance
- Plan, perform and report 1st, 2nd and 3rd party audits
- Establish internal and external audit programmes
- Verify corrective action

Who should attend?

- Perform 1st, 2nd or 3rd party EMS audits
- Manage or develop an organisation's EMS system
- Seek 3rd party certification to ISO 14001

Benefits

Delegates will benefit from the course by obtaining the knowledge, skills and confidence to audit their organisation's EMS management system.

Completion of the course will be recognised by the award of a certificate. For successful delegates, the training qualification is part of the process for existing auditor or lead auditors to gain similar IRCA EMS registration.

Organisations will benefit by having knowledgeable and trained personnel who can assist in the development of their EMS management system and improve their safety performance.

Course certification

This IRCA approved course satisfies the formal training requirement for individuals seeking registration with IRCA who satisfy the prior knowledge requirements over the page.

Prior Knowledge Requirement

This course is designed for experienced auditors seeking additional skills in auditing EMS management systems.

Delegates attending this course shall have:

- Some background/experience in EMS
- Successfully completed an IRCA certified or equivalent 5-day Lead Auditor training course in another discipline (QMS, OHSAS etc). Delegates should submit a copy of their lead auditor training certificate with their course application form.

Programme

The course follows an accelerated blended learning style with minimum lectures and maximum delegate involvement. It will give an understanding of ISO 14001 and EMS auditing. The course is supported by workshops which develop essential EMS auditor skills.

The course includes the following topics:



- EMS Management Systems
- Detailed review of ISO 14001 requirements
- EMS policy review
- EMS objectives
- Risk assessment
- Legal requirements
- EMS auditing skills
- Performing an EMS audit
- Corrective action and audit follow-up
- Integrated management systems
- IRCA Auditor and Lead Auditor registration

Each delegate will receive a comprehensive course manual.

Location

This course can be offered:

- *In House*
Many companies will benefit from running in-house group programmes, as staff members can look directly at the organisation's systems.
- *Through our licensees (various locations)*
Individuals from different organisations can share information and exchange benchmarking ideas in an open programme.

To discuss your training needs or request a quotation, contact Bill Fenton, Director of Training, using the details below.

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