



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. Standards such as 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.

This course has been designed to train environmental auditors to take part in audits, providing guidance and assurance to management. However, it is also popular with other delegates who wish to develop a clear understanding of environmental management applied to modern business.

Course Objectives

To enable delegates to participate effectively in environmental audits and other related activities by imparting;

- knowledge and understanding of environmental management systems
- knowledge of auditing and consultancy skills
- knowledge of environmental legislation
- knowledge and understanding of environmental aspects/impacts and performance

Who should attend?

The broad scope of the course makes it valuable to delegates who need to:

- add understanding of environmental management to their auditing skills
- complement their knowledge of environmental management with auditing skills
- co-ordinate EMS development
- brief others on ISO 14001 requirements
- advise senior management on environmental management

Benefits

Delegates will benefit by obtaining the knowledge, skills and confidence to

- audit their company's EMS and suppliers' EMS,
- participate in compliance, single issue and other types of environmental audit

Completion of the course will be recognised by the award of a certificate. This course contributes towards auditor registration based on the overall number of marks awarded on completion.

Delegates will receive an internationally recognised qualification that may be used as evidence of training when applying to the IEMA for registration as an auditor.

Companies will benefit by having knowledgeable and trained personnel who can help to develop the EMS and assess its effectiveness.

Programme

The course comprises a series of illustrated lectures which provide understanding of environmental management principles and audits including EMS audits. These are supported by case studies and workshops which develop auditor skills.

The course contents satisfy requirements of the international standard for environmental audit and auditor qualification ISO 19011, which supersedes ISO 14010 -14012, and include the following topics:



- Environmental principles and practices
- Identifying environmental aspects and impacts
- Developing and implementing environmental policy
- Preventing harmful environmental impacts
- Enhancing environmental performance
- EMS and the requirements of ISO 14001
- Comparisons with EMAS and the ISO 9000 Series standards
- Environmental law and regulations
- Risk and hazard analysis
- Types and methods of environmental audit
- The EMS audit process
- Techniques of performing and reporting EMS audits
- Corrective action and follow-up
- Assessing and reporting environmental performance
- IEMA registration scheme and code of practice for Environmental auditors

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 companies can share information and exchange benchmarking ideas in an open programme.

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