

The correlation matrix compares the new requirements of ISO 14001:2015 to the requirements of ISO 14001:2004, and provides a summary of the changes.

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Introduction

This document provides a matrix that correlates the new requirements of ISO 14001:2015 to the old requirements of ISO 14001:2004 and should be used to determine where the new and amended clauses are located. Many of the requirements from ISO 14001:2004 are present with ISO 14001:2015.

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ISO 14001:2015 to ISO 14001:2004

ISO 14001:2015		ISO 14001:2004		Summary of Changes
4	Context of the Organization	4	EMS Requirements	Title only
4.1	Understanding the Organization and its Context	1.1	General	This new requirement requires an organisation to demonstrate that it understands all internal and external influences that may affect its strategic direction and market position and what effect any changes may have on its future.
4.2	Understanding the Needs and Expectations of Interested Parties	1.1	General	This is a new requirement which requires the organisation to determine the boundaries and applicability of the EMS. It also makes reference to 4.1.
4.3	Determining the Scope of the EMS	4.1	General Requirements	This requirement is comparable to ISO 14001:2001 Clause 4 - EMS and Clause 4.1 – General Requirements. Organizations should review their process-based management system to ensure that it captures elements from 4.1 and 4.2.
4.4	Environmental Management System	4.1	General Requirements	Process approach – now a stated requirement but the content is largely the same as previous Clause 4.1 apart from a requirement to determine the risks to conformity if processes are ineffective.
5	Leadership	N/A	None	Title only
5.1	Leadership and Commitment	N/A	New Requirement	Top management is now required to demonstrate leadership and commitment in regard to the EMS. They should ensure that the quality policy and objectives are compatible with the business's strategic direction that the policy is understood and followed, and the EMS is integrated into the organization's business processes.
5.2	Environmental Policy	4.2	Environmental Policy	Includes an additional requirement to make the policy available to interested parties and being available as documented information.

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				decisions regarding EMS, process and product improvement actions; resource provision actions; revised business plans and budgets; changes to quality objectives and policies and management meeting minutes.
10	Improvement	N/A	None	Title only
10.1	General	N/A	New Requirement	Organizations should note the new requirements to consider improvement with respect to its processes, products and services, and the performance of the EMS overall.
10.2	Non-Conformity and Corrective Action	4.5.3	Non-Conformity, Corrective Action and Preventive Action	This requirement is comparable to Clause 4.5.3 - Control of Non-conforming Product and Corrective Action. There is an additional requirement for organizations to determine whether other similar non-conformances exist or have the potential to exist. There is also a new requirement for an organization to determine whether changes are required to the EMS in order to prevent a reoccurrence. Note the new requirement to record the nature of non-conformities as well as the subsequent action(s) undertaken.
10.3	Continual Improvement	N/A	New Requirement	This requirement is comparable to Clause 4.5.3 Continual Improvement. It is likely that organizations complying with ISO 14001:2004 will already be undertaking the activities required by this clause. Determine opportunities for improvement and implement actions to achieve intended outcomes. Improve the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the EMS.