

ISO 14001 CERTIFICATION **NAVIGATE CONFIDENTLY**

FAQs, Preparation Checklist, and Our
Streamlined Sustainability Approach.

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FAQ FOR CERTIFICATION ACCORDING TO DIN EN ISO 14001

Would you like to have the sustainability of your environmental management system certified according to **DIN EN ISO 14001** but have some questions first? No problem - we have compiled the most frequently asked questions and their answers for you.

1. What is DIN EN ISO 14001?

DIN EN ISO 14001 is a standard set by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) valid since 1996. It helps companies and organizations align their environmental management with global standards. The aim is to improve environmental protection and integrate it optimally into the economic and social environment. After a comprehensive revision, the current version of this standard was published in 2015.

2. Why is systematic environmental management becoming increasingly important?

The demand for resources is growing worldwide.

More and more companies are competing for increasingly scarce natural raw materials. At the same time, public environmental awareness and legislative pressure have increased in recent years. Terms such as „sustainability“ have long since become decisive criteria for quality and credibility for customers, partners, and the public. On the other hand, laws on environmental protection, resource conservation, and efficiency are becoming stricter and stricter. An environmental management system that has been tested and certified according to an internationally recognized standard such as DIN EN ISO 14001 provides an optimal basis for compliance and customer satisfaction. It saves resources, streamlines processes on an ongoing basis, and satisfies legal and economic requirements.



3. Who can be certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001?

The international standard DIN EN ISO 14001 does not impose absolute requirements on an environmental management system and is therefore flexible. In principle, every company and organization can therefore be certified regardless of size, location, industry, or ecological or social environment. Hundreds of thousands of companies and organizations worldwide have already seized this opportunity.

4. What are the requirements for certified environmental management according to DIN EN ISO 14001?

In order for your company to be certified to DIN EN ISO 14001, you must first integrate efficient environmental management into your business processes. This includes, among other things: A separate environmental policy (written down and known to all employees)

- A critical review and inventory of your processes with regard to environmental criteria.
- Defined environmental goals and the path to implementation in an environmental program.
- An effective written environmental management system.
- A documented procedure for an internal audit/inspection according to environmental criteria.

5. What are the benefits of DIN EN ISO 14001 certification for my company?

By certifying your environmental management system according to the international standards, you have a whole range of advantages, including:

- Greater efficiency through savings in resources
Identification of sources of error in your processes, and exploitation of improvement potential.
- More efficient processes and higher qualification of employees in environmental issues.
- More trust from customers, authorities, partners, and the public.
- More sustainable processes, products, and services
Minimization of waste and pollutants.
- Increased legal certainty, recognition, and reduction of liability risks.
- Timely implementation of future environmental targets.



7. How does DIN EN ISO 14001 ensure sustainability?

This international standard is intended to permanently combine environmental protection and economic interests. By promoting an internal environmental policy and actively engaging your employees with the issue, ecological awareness is created within the company. At the same time, the management team assumes more responsibility for environmental management and its successful implementation in day-to-day operations.

The success of the measures introduced can be continuously monitored on the basis of key figures. In this way, the processes on your premises are sustainably optimized and constantly adapted. This can range from the environmental compatibility of processes, products, and services to communication, data processing, and mobility within the company.

8. Is DIN EN ISO 14001 compatible with other standards?

Yes, the certification of your environmental management system is compatible with other management system standards, for example, the quality management standard ISO 9001.

This means that DIN EN ISO 14001 can be easily integrated into your existing management system at any time. This also opens up the possibility of combined certification.



ISO 14001 CHECKLIST

With our checklist, you can quickly and easily find out whether your business is properly prepared for certification according to ISO 14001:2015, ensuring a sustainable environmental management system (EnMS).

ISO 14001 certification - Evaluate your environmental management system correctly!

The following questions follow the basic structure of management system standards. If you can answer a question with yes, mark it with a check. This allows you to see instantly which areas of your company already comply with the requirements and which areas require more work.

Context of the organization

- You have identified external and internal factors that may affect your ability to achieve the desired results of the environmental management system.
- You monitor external and internal environmental conditions that may affect your business and on which your business may have an influence.
- You have identified all parties relevant to the EnMS as well as their claims.
- You have defined the limits and validity of your EnMS in order to define and document its scope.
- You have defined the operational elements, functions, and physical boundaries of your EnMS.
- You have documented your company's ability and authority to control and influence internal and external factors.
- You ensure that your EnMS is continuously maintained and improved.
- You have considered all factors relevant to the implementation and operation of your EnMS.
- You have integrated and documented EnMS requirements in your operational processes.

Leadership

- You have defined top management, which bears responsibility for the effectiveness of the EnMS.
- Top management has defined and documented environmental policies and objectives to ensure that they are consistent with the strategic direction of the organization.
- Top management has provided all the necessary resources for the EnMS.
- Top management communicates the importance of effective environmental management.
- Top management ensures that your EnMS achieves the desired results.
- You have informed your employees about their responsibilities within the EnMS.

Planning

- You have identified and documented potential risks and opportunities.
- You have documentation of the processes relevant to your EnMS.
- You have taken a life cycle perspective into account when determining environmental aspects.
- You have documentation on the identified environmental aspects and impacts.
- You have established criteria to determine which of the identified aspects have or may have a significant impact on the environment.
- You have documented information about your compliance obligations.
- You have defined, documented, and monitored relevant environmental objectives for your company.
- You have planned measures to implement your environmental goals (e.g. activities, resources, personnel, schedule).

We help you successfully certify your environmental management system as per ISO 14001:2015.

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Sustainable environmental management and efficient use of resources



You apply a defined environmental policy and include environmental aspects in your business decisions. Now you can prove your commitment to the environment even more clearly with the internationally recognized DEKRA certificate and seal and show your customers that you are moving in the direction of the future. The certification of your environmental management system according to ISO 14001 will not only increase the trust and confidence placed in you but also provide you with an assessment of your system for compliance with statutory regulations.

Sense and purpose of the ISO 14001 standard

This standard is suitable for any organization in any sector. It pursues the aim of creating a balance between operational profitability and environmental protection. ISO 14001 is the world's most important specification of what environmental management in organizations should cover and achieve.

The application of this standard offers you the opportunity to coordinate your environmental activities – with a focus on a continuous improvement process for reducing the burden on the environment. You will also gain an effective tool for identifying cost-saving potential.

DEKRA Certification will show that you have proved your environmental credentials.

Our certificates and DEKRA seals often provide the basis for being able to achieve success in national and international markets.

What DEKRA offers you

A consistently implemented environmental management system according to ISO 14001 certified by DEKRA will help you to permanently improve your company's performance:

- **Cost reduction through careful and efficient use of resources.**
- **Timely implementation of required environmental protection measures.**
- **Risk reduction in matters of compliance with statutory requirements.**
- **Image enhancement through environmental action.**
- **High compatibility with the ISO 9001 quality management standard.**

We will provide you with practical, uncomplicated, and lasting support in the optimization of your company processes. A neutral and independent basis. To achieve your goals.

Your reliable and neutral partner for DIN EN ISO 14001 certification

Thanks to many years of experience in environmental topics, our independent experts provide competent and reliable support. Our holistic and strategic approach ensures a detailed overview of your individual situation.

Our recognized ISO 14001 certification helps you objectively demonstrate your understanding of the importance of environmental and sustainability issues to your existing and future business partners. With a portfolio of more than 200 accreditations worldwide, we are also able to offer combined certifications with other management standards.

The ISO 14001 certification in **7 steps** by DEKRA



1. Information meeting and internal audit (optional)

Information meeting (by telephone or in person), on-site project discussion and preparation for certification including document review.



2. On-site certification

Readiness analysis with assessment and review of the management system description, review of documented processes and optional post-audit (review of corrective actions)



3. Audit report and evaluation

Documentation of the audit and evaluation of the management system.



4. Certificate and seal

After successful completion, you will receive your certificate and the DEKRA test seal (with a maximum term of three years).



5. First surveillance audit

A surveillance audit of the practical implementation is conducted every twelve months.



6. Second surveillance audit

Repeated auditing of the practical implementation of the management system.



7. Recertification

Three years after initial certification, steps 2 to 6 are repeated for the recertification audit.



Are you interested in ISO 14001 certification?

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and use resources efficiently.

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Other services from which you can benefit

We offer our clients certification services to the following standards (among others):

- [ISO 9001 quality management system certification](#)
- [ISO 14001 Environmental system certification](#)
- [ISO 45001 Occupational health and safety assessment system certification](#)
- [EN 1090-1 Steel and aluminium load-bearing structures](#)
- [EN 1090-2 Voluntary product certification: Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures](#)
- [EN 13084-7 Free-standing chimneys](#)
- [EN ISO 3834 Quality requirements for fusion welding of metallic materials](#)

Our experts will be happy to support you in any certification and are ready to answer any questions.

Acquire the DEKRA SEAL

Signaling maximum quality and reliability – across different industries and internationally – the DEKRA seal is an excellent hallmark and marketing instrument which sets you apart from the competition. Use it to show your customers and business partners the value of what you offer. We are here to help you.

