



# FAQ: Certification to ISO 45001

Frequently Asked Questions

Would you like to provide your employees with a safe and healthy workplace? Certification according to ISO 45001 ensures comprehensive occupational health and safety. Here we have compiled the most frequently asked questions and answers about ISO 45001.

## 1. What is ISO 45001

The ISO 45001 standard is the first international standard for occupational health and safety management systems (OHSMS). The new standard is intended to ensure uniform improvement of national and international occupational health and safety performance. ISO 45001 was developed based on the OHSAS 18001 standard, which it is now replacing, and features a Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) model. The use of the PDCA cycle promotes continuous improvement in the OHSMS.

## 2. What companies should be certified to ISO 45001?

The certification of occupational health and safety management is suitable for every company, regardless of size or industry. It helps companies ensure the long-term safety and health of their employees and at the same time reach their business goals.

## 3. Why should my company become ISO 45001 certified?

Certification of your health and safety management system offers numerous advantages:

- You can identify and eliminate hazards and risks before accidents occur.
- You gain the tools necessary to continuously improve your occupational health and safety management system.
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- You can reduce liability and fulfill business obligations.
- You can increase profitability.
- You can increase performance and motivation of employees by providing a safe and healthy workplace.



#### 4. How exactly does ISO 45001 certification work?

Our experts provide comprehensive support in auditing your occupational health and safety management system. These are the individual steps of the process:

1. **Information and pre-audit (optional):** Connect with our experts to learn more about what to expect during the audit. We also offer an optional “pre-audit” from one of our auditors to assess your readiness to move forward with the certification audit.
2. **Stage I audit:** In the first part of your certification audit, the documentation of your management system is audited for completeness and compliance to the standard.
3. **Stage II audit:** In the second part of your certification audit, our auditors audit your locations to assess the implementation of your management system.
4. **Granting of certificate:** Upon resolving any non-conformities found in the audit, you will be issued an accredited certificate. The globally-recognized DEKRA Seal will also be made available to you to use to promote your certified status.
5. **Regular surveillance audits:** Routine audits are performed (usually annually) to observe the maintenance of the implemented management system.
6. **Recertification:** After three years, you will need to go through a recertification audit (similar to a Stage II audit) to renew your certification.

#### 5. Which standards can be combined with ISO 45001 for integrated certification?

With its uniform High-Level Structure (HLS), shared by all new and revised management system standards, ISO 45001 can be easily combined with other ISO standards for management systems. For example, **ISO 9001** for quality management, **ISO 50001** for energy management, or **ISO 14001** for environmental management.



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