

CWB Registration – Upcoming Updates to ISO Standards – What you need to know:

ISO standards are periodically updated to stay aligned with today's business and regulatory environment. ISO 14001:2026 was published in April 2026 and ISO 9001:2026 in September 2026. Both published 2026 editions have three-year transition periods. ISO 45001 is expected to follow in 2027; its transition arrangements will be confirmed after publication. Starting early can make the change smoother.

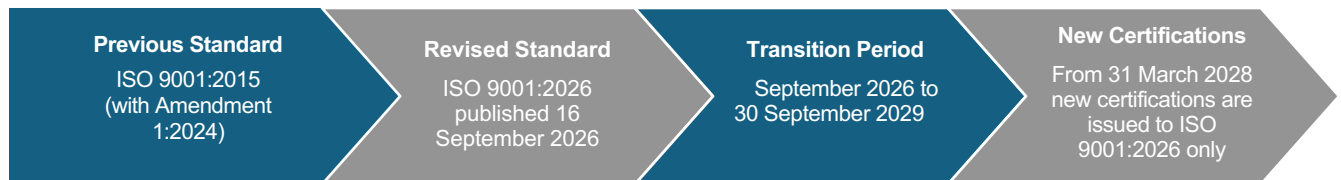
CWB Registration is accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). Certificates to the 2026 editions can be issued once SCC has confirmed CWB Registration's accreditation to each new edition. We are completing that step now and will confirm the date with you directly. Nothing changes to your current certificate until your transition audit is complete.

We've summarized the confirmed changes below to help you plan ahead.

ISO 9001:2026 – Quality Management System

ISO 9001 is an international quality management standard that more than one million companies and organizations use to optimize their performance. It provides a framework for organizations to develop, implement, and maintain processes that ensure consistent quality in the products and services they deliver to customers.

Timelines



Certified organizations must complete their transition audit and receive an ISO 9001:2026 certificate before 30 September 2029. ISO 9001:2015 certificates are no longer valid after that date, regardless of the expiry date printed on them. SCC may confirm slightly earlier Canadian dates; if it does, we will let you know.

Snapshot of Key Changes

The revision is evolutionary. The overall 10-clause structure remains unchanged.

1. Leadership, quality culture, and ethics
 - Greater emphasis on promoting a quality culture and ethical behavior.
 - Clause 5.1.1 adds clearer expectations for top management to support people's contribution to QMS effectiveness.
 - Clause 7.3 strengthens awareness of how each person's work affects quality objectives.
2. Risks and opportunities
 - Clause 6 separates risks from opportunities more clearly.
 - In addition to risk-based thinking, organizations are expected to proactively pursue innovation, improvement, and growth opportunities.
3. Planning and managing change
 - Clause 6.3 provides clearer expectations for structured change planning.
 - Organizations should consider the change's purpose, consequences, resources, responsibilities, and effects on quality.

4. Control of operational changes
 - Clause 8.5.6 strengthens the evaluation, implementation, monitoring, and control of operational changes.
 - This covers changes to processes, equipment, software, suppliers, and production methods.
5. Organizational knowledge and digitalization
 - Greater attention to maintaining critical knowledge during employee turnover and rapid change.
 - Organizations should evaluate the benefits and risks of digital technologies, including AI, within their QMS.
6. Supply-chain resilience
 - Stronger focus on how external providers and supply-chain disruptions affect consistent quality.
 - Organizations should go beyond supplier evaluation and actively understand supply-chain risks and resilience.
7. New Annex A
 - A dedicated 15-page informative annex clarifies the standard's structure, terminology, clauses, and intent.
 - It is intended to make implementation easier for both new and experienced users.

ISO 14001:2026 – Environmental Management Systems

ISO 14001 is an international environmental management standard used by organizations worldwide to reduce their environmental impact and improve sustainability performance. It provides a framework for developing, implementing, and maintaining processes that support continual improvement in environmental performance and compliance with applicable requirements.

Timelines



SCC recognizes certificates to either edition until 15 April 2029. From 16 April 2029 only ISO 14001:2026 certificates are recognized, so every certified organization must complete its transition audit and receive a 2026 certificate before that date.

Snapshot of Key Changes

As with ISO 9001, the changes are moderate and the clause structure is unchanged.

1. Climate Change and Life Cycle Perspective

- The 2024 climate change amendment is integrated: organizations must determine whether climate change is a relevant issue and consider climate related requirements of interested parties.

- The life cycle perspective is clarified and applies to all products and services, from source to end of life, with guidance in Annex A.

2. Structured Risk, Opportunity and Change Management

- A new Clause 6.3, Planning of changes, requires changes to the environmental management system to be carried out in a planned manner.
- Risks and opportunities are addressed in a more structured way, with separate consideration of emergency situations.

3. Supply Chain and External Providers

- Increased accountability for suppliers, contractors and externally provided processes, products and services, consistent with the life cycle perspective.

4. Leadership, Engagement and Compliance Obligations

- Greater emphasis on leadership, staff engagement and the management of compliance obligations.

5. Performance Evaluation and Improvement

- More robust performance evaluation, including an explicit assessment of environmental performance and the effectiveness of the environmental management system.
- Management review is restructured into sub clauses; internal audit, corrective action and continual improvement requirements are strengthened.
- Documented information requirements are standardized using the harmonized ISO wording, and Annex A has been expanded to support implementation and interpretation.

ISO 45001:2027 - Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Management Systems

ISO 45001 provides requirements for the development and implementation of an occupational health and safety management system. Some of the key elements include hazard identification, legal and regulatory compliance, emergency planning, investigating incidents and continual improvement.

Timelines



Key Anticipated Changes

The draft is not final. The changes below are those proposed in the DIS and may change before publication.

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Expected updates include a stronger focus on mental health, psychological safety, and overall wellbeing in the workplace.

2. Hazard Identification for Modern Ways of Working

- Expanded hazard identification requirements to reflect remote and hybrid work, workforce diversity and emerging technologies.

3. Climate Change Considerations

- New requirements may address occupational health and safety risks associated with climate change.

4. Opportunities for Health and Wellbeing

- It is expected there may be an increased focus on identifying opportunities to improve worker health and wellbeing, not simply identifying ways to prevent harm.

How to Prepare and How CWB Registration Can Support:

To ensure a smooth transition to the updated standards, organizations can start preparing now by:

- Obtaining a copy of the new edition and reviewing the changes. Annex A of each standard explains the intent of the requirements.
- Assessing your organization's current practices and conducting a gap analysis against the expected changes.
- Updating your organization's processes, operations, and documentation to address identified gaps and align with expected requirements.
- Training employees and key members of your organization's leadership team.
- Communicating with stakeholders and other key players as needed.
- Preparing evidence that the changed requirements have been addressed, including any needed changes to your organization's context and management system, before the transition audit.

What to expect from CWB Registration

Your transition audit may be conducted with a scheduled surveillance or recertification audit, or through a separate special audit. CWB Registration will determine whether additional audit time is needed based on the degree of change to your management system and how the transition audit is scheduled; additional time may not be needed when the transition is assessed during a full-system audit. If your organization holds both ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certificates, we will plan the transition of both standards together where practical. Your normal certification cycle is not automatically changed by the transition, but certification to the previous edition will not

remain valid beyond the applicable transition deadline. We will contact each certified organization with a proposed transition date once SCC has confirmed our accreditation to the new editions.

Whether your organization is already certified or exploring certification for the first time, CWB Registration is here to help you understand these and other ISO standards.

To learn more, contact us at 1-800-844-6790 or visit www.cwbgroup.org/services/registration.