

ISO 45001- Occupational Health and Safety

What you might need to know about migrating from OHSAS 18001 to ISO 45001

Why the Revision from OHSAS 18001?

ISO standards are reviewed for relevancy every five years as a matter of procedure. Furthermore, there are 40 versions of the equivalent of UK's OHSAS 18001 worldwide, so it's not exactly an international standard! Considering these factors, a revision is to be expected

Is There a Deadline?

Yes. But nothing to get alarmed about. The standard is not even finalised as yet. It is scheduled to be published in November 2017, and the migration window is normally three years. So, after November 2020, your standard will no longer be valid.

What are The Main Changes?

The structure has been modified to resemble other recent revisions of ISO standards. Therefore, there will be common elements for those running a number of standards such as ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015. And, like the revised versions of these standards, “risk” is more of a key focus.

And The Benefits?

A new emphasis on engagement of senior management. The subject is no longer the sole domain of the health and safety specialists. Organisational risks and opportunities are approached in a structured manner, which is always helpful!. A common structure and terms with other standards will save time in auditing and documentation. Plus language used is simplified.

If I'm Using OHSAS 18001 What Should I Do?

Not a great deal at the moment! It's easy to make a “false start” on migration if the standard is still being revised, and then also interpreted “in the field” by assessors. But, if you are planning any changes to documentation soon anyway, it might be worth bearing in mind the changes that have been made to other standards in recent times, and with which ISO 45001 will share core components. We can assist!

And What Will Migration Cost??

Generally, it's hard to say at this point, as the standard may be revised yet again before publication. However, as a guideline, our fees are based on a day rate. The number of days required are based on your activities. For example, typically 2-3 days are required to migrate a small business to the latest version of ISO 9001. Certification by a UKAS approved body is likely to cost £ 4-5000 for a three year certificate. We always prefer to discuss fees directly with the client, and you are most welcome to give us a call.

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