

# ISO ACCREDITATION



ISO certificates prove that a business is committed to high standards in its business management systems and procedures. They are an important part of any growth strategy because they result in more business, reduce cost, reduce inefficiency and improve performance. Having a certificate is an important deciding element when scoring subcontractor applications, particularly during tenders.

There are a number of different standards reflecting different management systems. The three most relevant to our clients are ISO 9001 Quality; ISO 14001 Environment, and ISO 45001 Health and Safety (formerly OHAS 18001).

The standards describe how you should identify the measures you wish to control and how you should manage and review the effectiveness of those measures. They do not say what those control measures should be. It is up to you to decide what you are controlling and how, and the level of your commitment. For example, obtaining the environmental certificate does not mean that you have to switch to electric cars.

The process of obtaining certification is the same for each standard and involves a number of steps:

1. Drafting a Management System Manual, setting out the processes and procedures that you wish to be audited. We draft this so as to include only those processes and procedures that you can easily manage to an auditable standard without significantly increasing your workload.
2. Implementing the management system, including maintaining the paper trail to prove it and carrying out a semi-annual internal audit. We provide the necessary instructions and procedures and can carry out the internal audits, if you wish.
3. Once your system is in operation, we, or a third party approved by UKAS, certify that you are compliant and provide the certificate. We will issue the first certificate at the end of the first semi-annual audit and then annually thereafter but would contemplate a fast-track certification, if required. The certification lasts for three years but is subject to an annual audit to ensure continuing compliance and a re-certification audit once every three years.

Our job is to make implementing and managing the system simple and cost-effective, with minimal disruption by ensuring that what you create will enhance your business and help you win more contracts without imposing an unnecessary burden. The cost of our services will depend upon the level of complexity of your business, not just on its size but as a general guide:

Per Standard	Obtaining Certification	Audit Fee
Below £250,000	By arrangement	
£250,000 - £500,000	£1,495	£550
£500,000 - £1 Million	£1,795	£600
£1 - 1.5 Million	£1,995	£650
£1.5 - 2 Million	£2,295	£700
£2 - 3 Million	£2,795	£750
£3 - 5 Million	£2,995	£850
Over £5 million	By arrangement	

A discount is available on the certification fee if you opt for certification with more than one standard because they are designed to be implemented together. If you wish us to, we can also carry out the semi-annual internal audit on your behalf and assist with the running of your health and safety committee meetings and management reviews to ensure that the annual audit is efficient and problem-free. The additional cost will be in the region of £50 - £250 per month, depending upon the size and complexity of your business and the number of standards being audited.

Call us on (01452) 864213 or Email Us on [mail@thehealthandsafetyconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:mail@thehealthandsafetyconsultancy.co.uk) to discuss your needs. All prices are quoted net of VAT which will be charged at standard rates.