

Linass, September 30, 2026

Subject: Publication of ISO 9001:2026 and transition of your ISO 9001 certification to the 2026 version

Dear Client,

The new version of the quality standard **ISO 9001:2026** was published on September 16th, 2026.

The transition note was published on September 16th (but has not yet been relayed by Cofrac).

The note specifies that a three-year transition period is planned to allow certified organizations to progressively adapt their quality management system.

Key dates to remember:

- ✦ September 16, 2026 : Publication of ISO 9001 :2026
- ✦ September 30, 2027: End of the transition period for certification bodies
- ✦ March 31, 2028: New and Initial accredited certifications may only be issued to ISO 9001:2026 certificates
- ✦ September 30, 2029: End of the transition period:

Main changes to the standard

This new version updates to reflect current challenges facing organizations, including stronger leadership, quality culture, ethics, risk and opportunity management, and improved organizational resilience.

The main changes include:

- ✦ Stronger alignment with the Harmonized Structure (Annex SL);
- ✦ Explicit consideration of quality culture and ethical behaviour;
- ✦ Clarification of the requirements relating to documented information;
- ✦ Separation consideration of risks and opportunities in Clause 6.1;
- ✦ Strengthened requirements for change management;
- ✦ Greater consideration of interested parties' expectations during management review.

Our recommendations

To prepare for the transition, we recommend that you:

- ✦ Assess the impact of the new requirements on your system;
- ✦ Update the relevant procedures and documents;
- ✦ Inform the personnel involved in the management system;
- ✦ Incorporate the new requirements into your internal audits programme.
- ✦ Verify that your management review addresses the new expectations;
- ✦ Prepare the evidence that will be examined during the transition audit.

How will the transition be carried out?

The transition may be carried out:

- ✦ During a surveillance audit;
- ✦ During a recertification audit;
- ✦ Or during a special transition audit.

The auditors will verify, in particular:

- ✦ The implementation of the new ISO 9001:2026;
- ✦ Changes in the organization's context;
- ✦ The necessary adaptations to the management system.

Audit time

The transition will generally be carried out during a scheduled audit. Depending on the extent of the changes required within your organization, a limited additional audit time may be necessary.

Impact on your certificate

Your ISO 9001:2015 certificate will remain valid during the transition period, provided that the transition to ISO 9001:2026 is completed by **30 September 2029** at the latest.

After this date, ISO 9001:2026. Certificates that have not been transitioned will be no longer be maintained as accredited certificates.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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