



ISO 14001:2026 Lead Auditor (EMS)

Learn how to perform internal and external audits of an environmental management system (EMS) against the requirements of ISO 14001, with this ISEP, CQI and IRCA certified ISO 14001 Lead Auditor course.

This 5-day course gives delegates the skills and confidence to plan, conduct, report and follow up EMS audits. By the end of the course attendees will be able to:

- audit to assess conformance with ISO 14001 requirements
- identify whether the EMS is effectively implemented and maintained
- contribute to the continual improvement of the EMS

The course is built around a central case study that simulates a site audit, giving students practical experience in tackling audit tasks. Workshops, discussions and interactive tutorials cover important topics such as risk-based auditing, assessing environmental aspects and impacts, and EMS nonconformity writing.

Delegates are assessed through a combination of continuous assessment during the course and an online exam after the event.

COURSE DURATION

5 days

CPD

Equivalent to 40 hours

COURSE PRICE

From £1895 + VAT

DATES & VENUES

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CERTIFICATES

Delegates will receive an ISEP Lead Environmental Auditor certificate and a CQI & IRCA ISO 14001 Lead Auditor certificate.

Course ID: 2819

Who should attend?

This is a key course for those involved in auditing an environmental management system (EMS). It will be of benefit to a wide range of job roles and tasks, including those responsible for:

- undertaking internal audits, supplier audits and certification audits
- leading environmental management system (EMS) audits
- managing EMS audits
- ensuring EMS conformance and continual improvement
- managing EMS maintenance

The course is also of value for career progression, offering essential certified steps towards becoming an IRCA EMS auditor and ISEP registered lead auditor.

Delegates do need an appreciation of ISO 14001 and its requirements before attending this course. For those with little or no prior knowledge, we recommend that they first book onto our [Introduction to ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems training course](#). We offer a discount of £150 when booking this course and the Introduction to ISO 14001 EMS together. [Click here to learn more about prior knowledge requirements.](#)

Key topics

Topics covered on the course include:

- background to environmental management systems (EMS)
- EMS and related standards
- overview of ISO 14001
- context, scoping and life cycle
- people – responsibilities, competence and communication

- environmental risks and opportunities
- environmental legislation
- identification and assessment of environmental aspects and impacts
- using an EMS for improvement
- monitoring, auditing and corrective action
- documented information

In-company training

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Skills gained

At the end of the ISEP, CQI & IRCA certified ISO 14001 Lead Auditor training course delegates will be able to:

- plan, develop and undertake an EMS audit against ISO 14001, in accordance with ISO 19011
- assess compliance with ISO 14001, identifying non-conformances, corrective actions and opportunities for improvement
- explain the purpose of an EMS and the benefits of improving environmental performance for the business and society
- define the roles and responsibilities of an auditor
- understand the 3rd party certification process

Upon successful completion, delegates will gain points towards ISEP Environmental Auditor registration. The course also satisfies the training requirements to become an IRCA EMS Lead Auditor.

Online and on-demand exams in English and Spanish are now available to delegates to sit after the course, with other languages to follow. We can enter you for the exam and will send you the results when we receive them.



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Course agenda

Our training courses are designed to optimise the learning experience for delegates both in face-to-face settings and in our Virtual Classroom.

Under the guidance of our expert tutors, attendees will follow an agenda which is briefly outlined below:

- Module 1 Icebreaker
- Module 2 Background to Management Systems
- Module 3 Requirements of ISO 14001:2026
- Exercise 1 Your Organisation's Context
- Module 4 Pre-course Questionnaire
- Module 5 EMS and Improvement
- Module 6 Auditing Concepts and Standards
- Module 7 Audit Stages and Processes
- Module 8 Auditing Principles and Responsibilities
- Exercise 2 Auditor Behaviours
- Briefing for evening study
- Module 9 Environmental Aspects Identification
- Workshop: Identifying Environmental Aspects and Impacts
- Module 10 Documented Information
- Workshop: Audit Documentation
- Module 11 Environmental Legislation
- Workshop: Identifying Legislation
- Module 12 Site Tour – Audit Plan Review
- Workshop: Site Tour
- Module 13 Detailed Planning – Audit Plans/ Checklists
- Workshop: Checklist Preparation
- Module 14 Environmental Aspects, Assessment of Significance
- Briefing for evening study
- Workshop: Environmental Aspects and Impacts Assessment
- Module 15 External & Internal Communications; Environmental Statements
- Module 16 EMS Nonconformities
- Exercise 3 Identifying Nonconformities
- Module 17 Audit meetings
- Module 18 Senior Management Interview
- Module 19 Case Study: Part 1
- Module 20 Auditing Techniques
- Module 21 EMS Nonconformity Writing
- Briefing for evening study
- Module 22 Case Study: Part 2
- Module 23 Case Study: Part 3
- Review: Exam guidance
- Module 24 Audit Reporting and Closing the Audit
- Briefing for evening study
- Workshop: Analysis of Case Study Findings and Preparation for Closing Meeting
- Workshop: Individual NCRs
- Workshop: Individual Audit Reports
- Course Review and Evaluation

The tutor was really great, exceptional knowledge of the subject matter and great at explaining. The small group size really helped, at no point in the five days was I uninterested, which was great.

Arriva Rail London

Really practical course (based on role play and scenarios) which allowed you to apply and understand what was being taught into these potential situations.

Amtri Veritas Ltd

The tutor was extremely knowledgeable, adaptive to the attendees, and personable and friendly. He made a lot of effort to ensure we had what we needed and were prepared well for the exam.

Fugro GeoServices Ltd

The course was great. The tutor was amazing and very helpful. He was very professional.

Bureau Veritas

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