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ISO 14001:2026 Transition

ISO 14001:2026, WHAT IS CHANGING?

The new ISO 14001:2026 has been published on 2026-04-15. To keep you updated with the changes to the standard, PECB has published the ISO 14001:2026 Transition training course and exam, alongside the updated ISO 14001 Lead Auditor, Lead Implementer, and Foundation training courses and certification exams.

ISO 14001:2026 Transition course

The ISO 14001:2026 Transition training course is designed to give participants a thorough understanding of what has changed between ISO 14001:2015 and the newly released ISO 14001:2026. It also provides a clear and structured overview of the updated standard, outlining its key concepts and overall framework in a concise and coherent manner.

Here are some important dates:

2026-04-15	ISO has published the new ISO 14001:2026 standard
2026-05-07	PECB publishes the ISO 14001:2026 Transition training course and exam in English
2026-05-13	PECB publishes the ISO 14001 Lead Implementer training course and exam in English
2026-05-14	PECB publishes the ISO 14001 Lead Auditor training course and exam in English
2026-06-04	PECB publishes the ISO 14001 Foundation training course and exam in English
2026-07-30	PECB publishes the ISO 14001:2026 Transition training course and exam in French
2026-08-31	PECB publishes the ISO 14001 Lead Implementer training course and exam in French
2026-08-31	PECB publishes the ISO 14001 Lead Auditor training course and exam in French
2026-09-15	PECB publishes the ISO 14001 Foundation training course and exam in French

Transition period

Candidates who have passed the ISO 14001 exams based on the ISO 14001:2015 version of the standard, can apply for certification until April 15, 2027, at the latest (1 year after the publication of the standard). After this date, candidates who would like to apply for the certification will have to take the ISO 14001:2026 Transition exam, and the regular fee applies.

Will ISO 14001:2026 changes affect my current ISO 14001 certificate?

The new updates do not have an impact on your existing certification against ISO 14001 standard. If you have a valid ISO 14001 Implementer, Lead Implementer, Senior Lead Implementer or an ISO 14001 Auditor, Lead Auditor, or Senior Lead Auditor, you just need to maintain these certifications active by submitting CPDs and AMFs. However, we encourage certified individuals to take the ISO 14001:2026 Transition course and exam, to update their knowledge, and report the course and exam as continuous professional development (CPDs) credits, as per the CPD Policy.

For ISO 14001 Foundation and ISO 14001 Provisional Implementer or Provisional Auditor, no maintenance is required. This is a lifetime certificate that has no expiration, and the updates in the ISO standard don't have an impact on the certificate.

Will these changes affect PECB Trainers that are approved to deliver the ISO 14001 training courses?

Yes. Trainers will be required to complete the ISO 14001:2026 Transition course and pass the transition exam. Trainers will have a period of six months to complete the transition exam, with the final deadline set for November 15, 2026.

