

## Briefing Note ISO 14001:2026

At its General Assembly (April 2026) the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) agreed that the **transition period** for this new standard would be **3 years from the date of publication**. The date of publication was in April 2026.

This means that ISO 14001:2015 Requirements certificates **expiry date is April 2029**.

Where transition audits are carried out in conjunction with scheduled surveillance or recertification (i.e. progressive or staged approach) then a minimum of 1 auditor man-day is required to be added to cover existing and new requirements implied by ISO 14001:2026.

New contract review needs to be done before ISO 14001:2026 audit takes place with the client.

LMS Certifications FZE LLC may issue non-accredited ISO 14001:2026 certificates until accreditation by SCC is granted.

Before any audits to ISO 14001:2026 requirements take place the **auditor training and competence** approval need to be finalised.

### Timeline for ISO 14001:2026:

Please note that ISO 14001:2026 was published in April 2026. With this release, ISO 14001:2015 will be withdrawn. Companies certified to the ISO 14001:2015 standard now have a three-year period to Transition their certificate to ISO 14001:2026. We recommend that your preparations start now. Kindly go through the requirement and follow with the following plan:

1. Validity of any ISO 14001:2015 Certificate shall be restricted to April 2029.
2. All the existing client need to submit the Transition plan by 30 December 2027.
3. Transition can be done either in surveillance audit or separate audit.
4. No certificate of ISO 14001:2015 shall be issued after 31 March 2028.
5. Transition to all ISO 14001:2015 to ISO 14001:2026 shall be started by 01 January 2027.
6. Timeline to transition of ISO 14001:2026 to be done for all clients by March 31, 2028.