ISO 9001:2026 Quality Management Systems (QMS) Lead Auditor Training Course

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is certificated by the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI) and International Register of Certificated Auditors (IRCA); CQI and IRCA Course Certification Number 2938 – PR381.

This course provides learners with the knowledge and skills required to perform first, second and third-party audits of Quality Management Systems (QMS) against ISO 9001:2026 in accordance with ISO 19011:2026 and ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, as applicable.

DURATION:	5 Days 40 Hours	DELIVERY:	Face to Face VILT
ACCREDITATION:	SGS CQI and IRCA	LANGUAGE:	English

> GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO PERFORM FIRST-, SECOND- AND THIRD-PARTY AUDITS OF A QMS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Explain the purpose of a Quality Management System (QMS), QMS Standards, MS audit and third-party certification.
- Explain the role of an Auditor to plan, conduct, report and follow up a QMS audit to establish conformity (or otherwise) against ISO 9001:2026, in accordance with ISO 19011:2026 and ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, where appropriate.
- Plan, conduct, report and follow up an audit of a QMS to establish conformity (or otherwise) with ISO 9001:2026 and in accordance with ISO 19011:2026 (and ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, where appropriate).

Learners will need to demonstrate acceptable performance in these areas to complete the course successfully.

AUDIENCE

This course is designed for:

- Professionals looking to audit against ISO 9001:2026.
- Individuals who require knowledge of ISO 9001:2026 or need to develop their skills in auditing a quality management system (QMS) to improve their organisations quality performance.

COURSE CONTENT

SESSION ONE: Quality Management Systems (QMS) and the ISO 9000 Series of Standards

SESSION TWO: Process-Based QMS

SESSION THREE: Registration, Certification and Auditor Competence

SESSION FOUR: Audits: Definition, Principles and Types

SESSION FIVE: The Audit Process

SESSION SIX: Preparing for the On-site Audit (Audit Stage 1)

SESSION SEVEN: Developing the Checklist

SESSION EIGHT: Conducting the On-site Audit (Audit Stage 2)

SESSION NINE: Audit Review

SESSION TEN: Audit Reporting and Follow-up

EXAMINATION REVIEW

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ADDITIONAL RELATED TRAINING

- ISO 9001:2026 – Foundation; Internal Auditor; Transition
- Integrated Management Systems (IMS) Internal Auditor (ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001)
- ISO 19011:2026 – Auditing Management Systems - Guidelines



PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

It will benefit learners if they have knowledge of the following principles and concepts:

- Knowledge of the following quality management principles and concepts:
  - The relationship between quality management and customer satisfaction.
  - Commonly used quality management terms and definitions and the seven quality principles as given in ISO 9000.
  - The process approach used in quality management.
  - The model of a process-based QMS, the structure and content of ISO 9001.
- Knowledge of the requirements of ISO 9001:2026, which may be gained by completing a CQI and IRCA certified QMS Foundation training course.

COURSE CERTIFICATION

On completion of this course:

- Learners who pass both the examination and continuous assessment will be issued with a “Certificate of Achievement” that satisfies the formal training for an individual seeking certification as a CQI and IRCA Auditor / Lead auditor. The “Certificate of Achievement” is valid for a period of five years from the date of the examination for the purpose of certifying as an Auditor with the CQI and IRCA.
- Learners who fail the examination and pass the continuous assessment will receive a “Certificate of Attendance” and will be allowed to re-sit the examination within 12 months of the date of the first examination.

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