ISO 14001:2026 Environmental Management Systems (EMS) 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 2781 – PR376.

This course provides learners with the knowledge and skills required to perform first, second and third-party audits of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) against ISO 14001:2026 in accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021, as applicable.

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

"GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO PEFORM FIRST-, SECOND- AND THIRD-PARTY AUDITS OF AN EMS"

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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

- Describe the purpose of an Environmental Management System (EMS) and the business and societal benefits of improving environmental performance.
- Explain the role of an Auditor to plan, conduct, report and follow up an EMS audit in accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1, where appropriate.
- Plan, conduct, report and follow up an audit of an EMS to establish conformity (or otherwise) with ISO 14001 and in accordance with ISO 19011 (and ISO/IEC 17021-1, where appropriate).

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

COURSE CONTENT

SESSION ONE: Environmental Management Systems (ISO 14000 Series of Standards)

SESSION TWO: Process-Based EMS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

SESSION THREE: Registration, Certification and Auditor Competence

SESSION FOUR: Audit: 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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AUDIENCE

This course is designed for

- Professionals looking to audit against ISO 14001:2026.
- Individuals who require knowledge of ISO 14001:2026 or need to develop their skills in auditing an environmental management system to improve their organisations environmental performance.



PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

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

- Knowledge of the following environmental management principles and concepts:
  - the concept of environmental, sustainable development whereby an organisation must ensure that actions of today do not degrade the environment of the future;
  - the purpose of an initial review as the basis for establishing an environmental management system where none currently exists;
  - evaluation of activities, products and services to establish the environmental aspects associated with normal operating conditions, abnormal conditions such as start-up and shutdown, and emergency situations and accidents.
- Considerations of environmental aspects with respect to:
  - emission to air, release to water and release to land;
  - use of raw materials, natural resources and energy;
  - energy emitted and lost, for example: heat, radiation, vibration, steam, and compressed air;
  - public nuisance such as light pollution, noise, vibration and odour;
  - the maintenance of given ecosystems (watercourses, SSSIs, etc.).
- Environmental legislation and how compliance forms part of an environmental management system.
- Typical methods for evaluation of the significant impacts of the environmental aspects identified and how their ranking influences operational control and priorities for improvement.
- Knowledge of the requirements of ISO 14001:2026, which may be gained by completing a CQI and IRCA certified EMS Foundation training course.

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ADDITIONAL RELATED TRAINING

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

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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 written 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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