מכון לבקרה ואיכות

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To: ISO 9001 Quality Management System Clients

Subject: Transition to the Updated ISO 9001:2026 Standard

Dear Clients,

In September 2026, ISO 9001:2026, the world's leading quality management standard, was officially released.

The differences between the previous 2015 edition and the updated edition are reflected in revisions to several clauses, as well as in the standard's underlying approach and philosophy. An annex has also been added to explain, interpret, and provide examples of the standard's requirements.

Below are the transition timetable and a summary of the principal changes.

Activity	Schedule
Certification audits under the previous edition of the standard, ISO 9001:2015	Permitted only until March 31, 2028
Surveillance/recertification audits transitioning to the new ISO 9001:2026 edition	No later than September 30, 2029
Start of transition audits to the new ISO 9001:2026 edition	After IQC receives international accreditation for the new edition, no later than September 30, 2027

Please note that IQC operates in accordance with the guidelines of Global ACI and the RvA and Accredia accreditation bodies.

The attached document does not replace the standard or its translation.

The wording of the standard is authoritative.

Sincerely,

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Key Changes:

1. **Separation of risk and opportunity management (Clause 6.1)**

- **2015 edition: risks and opportunities were addressed together under the same clause.**
- **2026 edition: a clear structural separation has been introduced. Clause 6.1.2 addresses risks, while Clause 6.1.3 is a new and separate clause dedicated exclusively to opportunities. Organizations are now required to identify, analyze, plan for, and evaluate the effectiveness of opportunities in a focused manner.**

2. **Emphasis on quality culture and professional ethics (Clauses 5.1 and 7.3)**

- **Leadership (5.1): the organization's leadership is now explicitly required to promote and demonstrate a culture of quality and ethical behavior.**
- **Employee awareness (7.3): employee-awareness requirements have been expanded. The organization must address not only the quality policy and objectives, but also expectations relating to quality culture and organizational ethics.**

3. **Integration of climate-change considerations (Clause 4.1): the standard formally incorporates the 2024 amendment and requires the organization, under the "Context of the Organization" clause, to determine whether climate change is relevant to its business activities.**
4. **Expanded change management (Clause 6.3): organizational change-management requirements have been expanded. When implementing a change to the quality management system, the organization must now plan more explicitly how the change will be communicated, monitored, and how the effectiveness of its results will be evaluated.**
5. **Organizational knowledge management (Clause 7.1.6): knowledge-management requirements have been expanded to include not only the knowledge needed to create the product or service, but also the overall knowledge required to achieve the intended results of the entire quality management system, with emphasis on retaining, applying, and sharing that knowledge.**
6. **Clause 10.3 has been transferred in full to Clause 10.1.**

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