



BIS Implementation Plan of IS/ISO 9001:2008

The standard for Quality Management System has been revised to IS/ISO 9001:2008. The revision has been done in order to introduce clarifications to the existing requirements of IS/ISO 9001:2000 and to improve compatibility with IS/ISO 14001:2004. The revised standard IS/ISO 9001: 2008 does not introduce any additional requirement nor does it change the intent of IS/ISO 9001:2000 standard. The changes are in the form of clarification to the existing requirements and changes intended to improve consistency with standard for EMS.

In order to implement changes in the IS/ISO 9001:2008, organizations need to take into consideration whether the changes have any impact on their current interpretation of IS/ISO 9001:2000 and shall carry out changes as may be necessary in their QMS. The organization shall incorporate changes in their documentation to make them in accordance with IS/ISO 9001:2008 and shall carry out these changes in the manner considered appropriate.

The Implementation Plan for the revised standard is as given below:

Date of Implementation

- The revised standard IS/ISO 9001:2008 has been implemented w.e.f 16 Nov 2008.
- As the changeover period permitted by ISO is two years, the existing standard IS/ISO 9001:2000 would concurrently remain valid till 15 November 2010.

Processing of Applications

- BIS has started registering new applications for certification as per IS/ISO 9001:2008.
- Organizations who have already initiated the process of implementation of QMS as per IS/ISO 9001:2000 are permitted to apply for the 2000 version upto 15 November 2009. After this date, new application shall be registered only for IS/ISO 9001:2008.
- Existing applications for IS/ISO 9001:2000 may be processed for certification as per that standard. However, in case organizations opt for certification against the 2008 version, the same would be permitted in case Initial (Certification) audit (the State 2 Audit) has not been carried out for such applications.
- After 15 November 2009, new licences shall be granted only against IS/ISO 9001:2008. All applicants for IS/ISO 9001:2000 (existing or those to be registered) to note that after 15 November 2009, licence would not be granted against IS/ISO 9001:2000 even if the application was registered for that version.

Existing Licences

Changeover of existing licences to IS/ISO 9001:2008 shall be permitted only after surveillance or recertification audit against IS/ISO 9001:2008.

Assessment against IS/ISO 9001:2008 shall be carried out during routine surveillance or recertification audit.

Existing licences or new licences to be issued against IS/ISO 9001:2000 during the transition period shall be valid only upto 15 November 2010.

Existing licensees shall complete the changeover process before 15 November 2010.

New licence to be granted against IS/ISO 9001:2000 during the transition period shall have specific mention on the licence document that the licence shall be valid upto the three year period subject to the condition of completion of changeover to IS/ISO 9001:2008 latest by 15 November 2010.

As any recertification after 15 Nov 2009 shall be against IS/ISO 9001:2008 only, the existing licences which come up for renewal after 15 November 2009 shall have to be renewed (recertified) only against IS/ISO 9001:2008.