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ISO9001:2026

ISO9001:2026 is expected to be published in September 2026. This publication will subsequently state the 36-month transition period. Organizations certified to ISO 9001:2015 need to be re-certified by September 2029 to the 2026 version if they wish to maintain their ISO9001 certification.

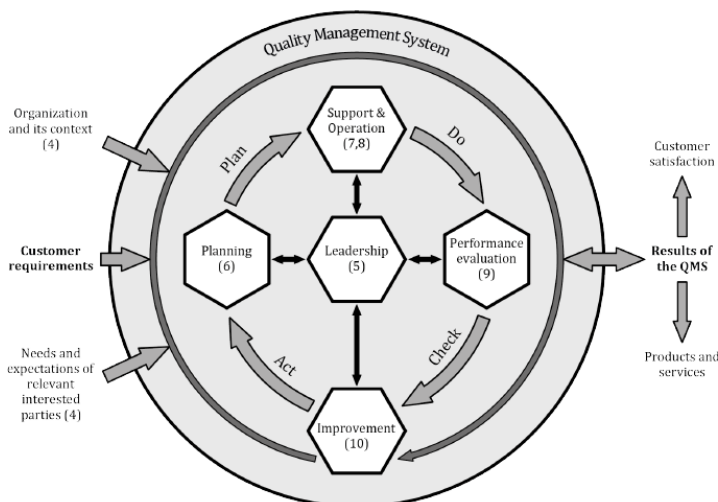
Key Changes

CONTEXT : An organization needs to have a wider perspective and considers if climate change is a relevant external issue to be considered in its Quality Management System.

LEADERSHIP : Top management must now promote and demonstrate quality culture and ethical behaviour throughout the organization. A new guidance in Annex A will explain how these can be demonstrated. The organization's quality policy must now take into account the context of the organization and support its strategic direction. Examples on how quality culture can be demonstrated include e.g. leadership gemba walks, employee engagement during all-employees session, recognition of quality achievements, and kaizen activities relating to improvements in product and process quality.

PLANNING : The actions required to address risks and opportunities are now clarified to provide a clearer difference between the two. Annex A provides guidance on both concepts.

SUPPORT : Employees must now understand quality culture and ethical behaviour. Organizations need to ensure employees' awareness go beyond quality policies and objectives and how quality is embedded in the organization's culture



Representation of the structure of ISO/DIS9001 in the PDCA cycle.

The numbers in brackets refer to the clauses in the draft international standard.

Source :

ISO/DIS 9001

As of 11 June 2026, the FDIS/ISO9001:2026 is currently in the approval stage (Source : [ISO/FDIS 9001 - Quality management systems — Requirements](#))



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

ISO9001:2026 is expected to be published in September 2026. Organizations certified to this ISO9001 will be required to transition to this revised standard within three years by September 2029 to the 2026 version if they wish to maintain their ISO9001 certification.

Key changes include :

- Consideration for climate change in the organization's quality management system
- Requirements for organization's leadership to promote quality culture and ethical behaviour throughout the organization
- Differences between risks and opportunities are now better clarified, and guidance provided
- Employees are required to understand the organization's quality culture and ethical behaviour.