# QHSE SOLUTIONS

ADVISORY | INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE | KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

# ISO 27001
## INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

ISO 27001 is the most widely used 'Information Security Management Systems Standard' in the world and is primarily concerned with 'Information Security Management' issues relating to computers, databases, software, storage and retrieval of data, etc. Data can be hard copy or electronic. As a 'generic management standard' it can be applied to any size or type of organisation.

There are two main reasons why companies choose to become 'Quality-Assured' with ISO 27001 Certification. Firstly, to gain a 'competitive advantage' over their rivals, and secondly, to enhance 'credibility' with their:
- Customers
- Staff & Suppliers

## Benefits of ISO 27001

Most companies choose to achieve ISO 27001 Certification for 'key business benefits', which include:
- Reduced chance of fraud or information misuse
- Lower insurance & litigation costs
- Enhanced customer & supplier satisfaction
- Increased sales & profits
- Competitive advantage over rivals
- Meeting 'invitations to tender' & 'supply chain' requirements
- If you want your business to take advantage of these benefits and gain
- Competitive edge over rivals, then ISO 27001 is right for you.

## ISO 27001 Standard

Gaining ISO 27001 Certification is a cost-effective way for your organisation to demonstrate to customers that you have a system in place to manage the threats that information can be subjected to, without having to reveal your security processes.

The major benefit that ISO 27001 brings to your organisation is a significant completive edge over your competitors. Customers will recognise that you manage and minimise the range of threats to which their and your information is regularly subjected.

When you are ISO 27001 certified your customers can be confident that you manage and minimise threats to information and data. These threats can be external, from hackers and viruses, as well as internal; from disgruntled employees or simply forgetting to back up.

Certification provides many tangible benefits:
- A valuable framework for resolving security issues
- Enhancement of client confidence and perception of your organisation
- Enhancement of business partners' confidence and perception of your organisation
- Provides confidence that you have managed risk in your own security implementation
- Enhancement of security awareness within an organisation
- Assists in the development of best practice
- Can often be a deciding factor between competing organisations

## Key steps in our approach are:

- Contract signature
- Pre-audit (optional): gap analysis and diagnosis of your systems current position against requirements of the standard;
- Initial Audit: to verify the establishment and implementation of th  basic structure of your ISMS
- Certification audit (certificate issued after successful certification audit);
- Surveillance audits to follow the continual improvement;
- Re-certification after 3 years through full audit or continual assessment.

Following each step, a factual and comprehensive report is promptly delivered allowing your company to continually improve its ISMS performance.
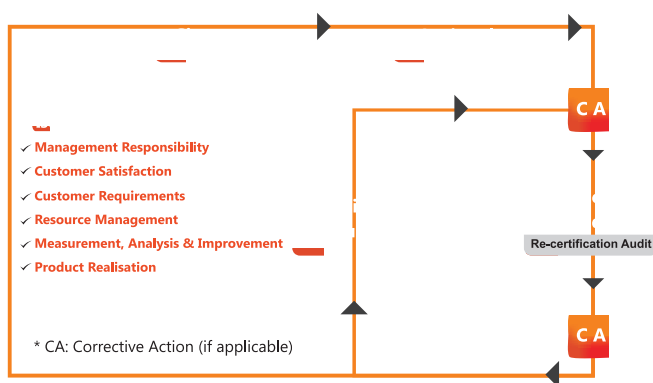
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**Recognition:**
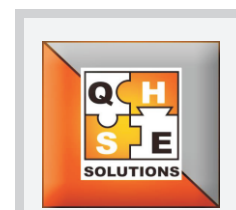QHSE Certification is accredited by IABCI-(E) for ISO 27001 certification.

**Business understanding**:
Our auditors understand that the application of the standard can be quite different in small, medium and large organizations, and are trained to assess your system in a way that will be appropriate to your business. Our customers chose us because they know we're a partner they can depend on, and they continue to stay with us each year because they value the insight that their auditor gives to their business. Registration is more than a certificate; it's an opportunity to make your business better, and QHSE Certification partners with customers to ensure they receive the most from their audits.

**Combined services:**
QHSE Certification offers the possibility of combined certifications to the largest range of recognized standards, bringing consistency, optimization and efficiency.

✓ Management Responsibility
✓ Customer Satisfaction
✓ Customer Requirements
✓ Resource Management
✓ Measurement, Analysis & Improvement
✓ Product Realisation

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Re-certification Audit

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* CA: Corrective Action (if applicable)

## QHSE Solutions