

FAQ – Certification According to DIN EN ISO 14001



On the safe side.

Would you like to have the sustainability of your environmental management system certified according to **DIN EN ISO 14001** but have some questions first? No problem - we have compiled the most frequently asked questions and their answers for you.

1. What is DIN EN ISO 14001?

DIN EN ISO 14001 is a standard set by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) valid since 1996. It helps companies and organizations align their environmental management with global standards. The aim is to improve environmental protection and integrate it optimally into the economic and social environment. After a comprehensive revision, the current version of this standard was published in 2015.

2. Why is systematic environmental management becoming increasingly important?

The demand for resources is growing worldwide. More and more companies are competing for increasingly scarce natural raw materials. At the same time, public environmental

awareness and legislative pressure have increased in recent years. Terms such as „sustainability“ have long since become decisive criteria for quality and credibility for customers, partners and the public. On the other hand, laws on environmental protection, resource conservation and efficiency are becoming stricter and stricter. An environmental management system that has been tested and certified according to an internationally recognized standard such as DIN EN ISO 14001 provides an optimal basis for compliance and customer satisfaction. It saves resources, streamlines processes on an ongoing basis and satisfies legal and economic requirements.

3. Who can be certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001?

The international standard DIN EN ISO 14001 does not impose absolute requirements on an environmental management system and is therefore flexible. In principle, every company and organization can therefore be certified regardless of size, location, industry or ecological or social environment. Hundreds of thousands of companies and organizations worldwide have already seized this opportunity.

4. What are the requirements for certified environmental management according to DIN EN ISO 14001?

In order for your company to be certified to DIN EN ISO 14001, you must first integrate efficient environmental management into your business processes. This includes, among other things:

- A separate environmental policy (written down and known to all employees)
- A critical review and inventory of your processes with regard to environmental criteria
- Defined environmental goals and the path to implementation in an environmental program
- An effective written environmental management system
- A documented procedure for an internal audit/inspection according to environmental criteria

Find out more in our [checklist for certification of your environmental management system](#).

5. What are the benefits of DIN EN ISO 14001 certification for my company?

By certifying your environmental management system according to the international standard, you have a whole range of advantages, including:

- Greater efficiency through savings in resources
- Identification of sources of error in your processes, exploitation of improvement potential
- More efficient processes and higher qualification of employees in environmental issues
- More trust from customers, authorities, partners and the public
- More sustainable processes, products and services
- Minimization of waste and pollutants
- Increased legal certainty, recognition and reduction of liability risks
- Timely implementation of future environmental targets

6. How exactly does DIN EN ISO 14001 certification work?

Our experts provide comprehensive support in auditing your environmental management system. These are the individual phases of the inspection process:

1. **Information and preliminary audit (optional)** - informative discussions between our experts and you
2. **Documentation review** - preparation for certification including document review
3. **Certification audit** - our auditors audit your environmental management system on site
4. **Conferral of certificate** - receipt of the DEKRA test seal after successful certification
5. **Regular monitoring audits** - annual monitoring of requirement implementation in practice
6. **Re-certification** - after three years, the cycle starts again with a re-certification

7. How does DIN EN ISO 14001 ensure sustainability?

This international standard is intended to permanently combine environmental protection and economic interests. By promoting an internal environmental policy and actively engaging your employees with the issue, ecological awareness is created within the company. At the same time, the management team assumes more responsibility for environmental management and its successful implementation in day-to-day operations. The success of the measures introduced can be continuously monitored on the basis of key figures. In this way, the processes on your premises are sustainably optimized and constantly adapted. This can range from the environmental compatibility of processes, products and services to communication, data processing and mobility within the company.

8. Is DIN EN ISO 14001 compatible with other standards?

Yes, the certification of your environmental management system is compatible with other management system standards, for example, the quality management standard **ISO 9001**. This means that DIN EN ISO 14001 can be easily integrated into your existing management system at any time. This also opens up the possibility of combined certification.

Are you interested in certification according to DIN EN ISO 14001 or do you have any further questions? Then contact our experts now!

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