Safe and healthy workplaces are key for efficient companies. Modern occupational health and safety has long gone far beyond primary accident prevention to pursue a comprehensive preventive approach. All risks that can result in work-related physical complaints up to and including incapacity for work or occupational disability must be taken into account. This includes aspects of occupational safety related to operational processes as well as stress-related factors in the organization that can trigger mental illness.

ISO 45001, effective since March 2018, is the only internationally independent standard that defines the requirements for company-wide health and safety management systems. With an ISO 45001 certification by DEKRA, you demonstrate the health and safety of your corporate culture.

What ISO 45001 stands for
With its risk-based approach, the standard lays the groundwork for a comprehensive approach to a healthy corporate culture. Conditions along the entire supply chain are taken into consideration in order to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses and health hazards.

The application area includes all types of organizations, including those that go beyond the individual enterprise. It covers organizations that have multiple locations and work with numerous contractors, subcontractors, suppliers or temporary workers.
Goals of ISO 45001
The objectives of the new occupational health and safety standard are identical to those of OHSAS 18001. The new standard was developed to unify all national and international occupational health and safety management requirements into a single standard. Companies can orient their efforts around a globally uniform occupational health and safety standard, thus preventing possible confusion and fragmentation of the market for different occupational health and safety management systems.

What is the biggest major change?
Even though ISO 45001 is a new standard, most of its basic principles are already available and formulated in OHSAS 18001. ISO 45001 now includes standardized requirements for health and safety at work for managers, employees and service providers, including the specific requirements related to the respective working environments and conditions.

The focal points of the new requirements include:
- Context of the organization
- Risk-based approach
- Continuous improvement of organizations using the PDCA model
- Leadership
- Outsourcing / subcontracting
- Process management
- Interested parties

The focus is both on preventing behaviors within the organization that can lead to accidents at work as well as reducing accidental downtime in the supply chain and supplier management. After the publication of ISO 45001 in spring 2018, it became the first international standard for occupational health and safety management systems, replacing the standard OHSAS 18001 after a transition period of three years (March 2021).

ISO 45001: Your advantages at a glance

Are you interested in certification according to ISO 45001 or do you have questions for our experts? Then contact us now!
Steps towards successful certification

1. Consultation in advance
1.1 Information consultation (optional)
   Telephone or personal conversation with you discussing the process flow
1.2 Project briefing (optional)
   Discussion with the auditor on-site
1.3 Pre-audit (optional)
   Preparation for certification including document audit

2. Certification
2.1 Readiness analysis
   Inspection on-site and audit of the description of the management system
2.2 Certification audit
   Audit of documented processes of the on-site management system
2.3 Follow-up audit (optional)
   Checking the corrective measures by the auditor of the management system

3. Report
   Documentation of the audit including assessment

4. Certificate and seal
   Proof of successful certification with a duration of max. three years

5. First monitoring audit
   Auditing the practical implementation of the management system

6. Second monitoring audit
   Repeated auditing of the practical implementation of the management system

7. Recertification
   Repeating steps 2 to 6 for certification extension for further three years

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