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The ISO 14001: 2014 Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) version has been published

TC 207 WG 5, the technical committee tasked with generating the third revision of the coveted international standard, has concluded its work and published the FDIS version of the document for voting by the national member bodies.

The FDIS voting period

The FDIS voting period is scheduled for July and August, 2015.

Publication of the final version of the third revision of the international standard

The expected date of publication of the final version of the standard is set at the 16th of September, 2015. Please note that this date may need to be extended, should the process be challenged.

Publication of the final version of the standard as a SANS standard

The SABS has commenced with the process of publishing the international standard as a SANS document as soon as is reasonably practicable, and the extended target date is between the end of October and mid-November, 2015.

Transitioning to the third revision of the ISO 14001 standard

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has published interim transition guidelines for the third revision of the international standard. See the document: *Transition Planning Guidance for ISO 14001: 2015 (IAF ID 10:2015)*.

The agreed-upon time frame to transition is three years from the date of publication.

Download the IAF transition planning guideline document from the following URL http://www.iaf.nu/articles/Informative_Documents_/32

What happens to the CEM course: Implementing environmental management systems (ISO 14001)?

The CEM has two public courses scheduled for 2015:

Public course in Potchefstroom 17 to 21 August, 2015: This course is offered against the FDIS version of the new, 2015, standard. Please note that training against the FDIS version of standards is recognised by certification and accreditation by registration bodies. Delegates will get a loan copy of the FDIS version of the standard that is to be returned to the CEM at the end of the course and a SANS version of the 2015 standard will be posted to delegates once the SANS version of the standard is published.

Public course in Potchefstroom 26 to 30 October, 2015: This course is offered against the final version of the new, 2015, standard. Delegates will get a loan copy of the international version of the standard that is to be returned to the CEM at the end of the course and a SANS version of the 2015 standard will be posted to delegates once the SANS version of the standard is published.

What about courses to transition existing management system standards?

The CEM in collaboration with Shangoni has developed and is ready to offer ISO 14001: 2015 transition courses as both public and in-house courses.

The transition courses are scheduled for two days and a one-hour examination in order for a candidate to qualify for a certificate of successful completion of the course.

Delegates will also get a loan copy of the either the FDIS or final version of the standard, that is to be returned to the CEM at the end of the course, and a SANS

version of the standard will be posted to delegates once the SANS version of the standard is published.

The public courses are scheduled as follows:

2015

Potchefstroom: 21-22 October 2015

Cape Town: 7-8 October 2015

Durban: 19-20 November 2015

Course fee for 2015: R 4250.00 (No VAT charged)

2016

25-26 January 2016 - Windhoek, Namibia

1-2 February 2016 - Cape Town

15-16 February 2016 - Potchefstroom

3-4 March 2016 - Durban

14-15 March 2016 - Witbank

11-12 April 2016- Gauteng (venue to be confirmed)

18-19 April 2016 - East London

5-6 May 2016- Port Elizabeth

Course fee for 2016: *To be confirmed*

Please visit the CEM URL to download a [brochure](#) for this course.

Please contact Theresa Bowen (ceminfo@nwu.ac.za or (018) 299 2714) should you require any information regarding public courses.

Dedicated in-house ISO 14001: 2015 transition courses

The CEM and Shangoni are in a position to deliver the two-day ISO 14001- 2015 transition course on site.

Please contact Ms Wanda Hofmeyr (cemprojects@nwu.ac.za or (018) 299 1590) should you require any information regarding public courses.

Shorter leadership awareness programmes – The role of leadership in ISO 14001: 2015

The role of the leadership team has been significantly expanded in the 2015 version of the ISO 14001: 2015 standard. The leadership team is also challenged to imbed the EMS with the business strategic direction and thrust of the organisation in line with Clause 4 of the third revision.

The CEM and Shangoni offer leadership teams a four-hour awareness programme that highlights the new and expanded role of leadership in the 2015 version of the ISO 14001 standard.

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Why the CEM and Shangoni for your ISO 14001: 2015 transition training?

Johan Nel (CEM) and Jan Nel (Shangoni) represented South Africa at TC 207 WG 5, the body charged with revising the 2004 version of the standard. The two South African representatives have an intimate knowledge of the 2015 version of the standard.