

# ISO 14001:2015 Quick Reference

ISO 14001:2015 Clauses	Summary of Requirements
<b>4. Context of the organization</b>	
4.1 Understanding the organization and its context	Internal and external issues; environmental conditions
4.2 Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties	Relevant requirements; compliance obligations
4.3 Determining the scope of the environmental management system	Boundaries: organizational; physical; products; activities
4.4 Environmental management system	Needed processes, their interactions
<b>5. Leadership</b>	
5.1 Leadership and commitment	Accountability; demonstrated leadership and commitment
5.2 Environmental policy	Objectives; protection; performance improvement
5.3 Organizational roles, responsibilities, and authorities	Assigned; communicated; performance reporting
<b>6. Planning</b>	
6.1 Actions to address risks and opportunities	
6.1.1 General	Planning for issues (4.1); requirements (4.2); risks (6.1)
6.1.2 Environmental aspects	Significance criteria; documented aspects and impacts
6.1.3 Compliance obligations	Identified; accessible; how apply to organization
6.1.4 Planning action	Aspects; obligations; risks; integration of actions into EMS
6.2 Environmental objectives and planning to achieve them	
6.2.1 Environmental objectives	Match policy; measurable; monitored; communicated
6.2.2 Planning actions to achieve environmental objectives	What done; who does; when done; how evaluated
<b>7. Support</b>	
7.1 Resources	To establish; implement; maintain; improve EMS
7.2 Competence	Education; training; experience; evidence of competence
7.3 Awareness	Policy; aspects; contributions; implications of NC
7.4 Communication	
7.4.1 General	On what; when; with whom; how communicated
7.4.2 Internal communication	On EMS changes; enables contribution to improvement
7.4.3 External communication	Relevant; per communication process; per obligations
7.5 Documented information	
7.5.1 General	Required by ISO 14001; determined by organization
7.5.2 Creating and Updating	Identification; description; format; media; approvals
7.5.3 Control of documented information	Available; protected; retrieval; storage; retention
<b>8. Operation</b>	
8.1 Operational planning and control	Requirements; criteria; controls; outsourcing; life cycle
8.2 Emergency preparedness and response	Potential situations; accidents; periodic testing
<b>9. Performance evaluation</b>	
9.1 Monitoring, measurement, analysis, and evaluation	
9.1.1 General	What done; methods; when performed and evaluated
9.1.2 Evaluation of compliance	Evaluation frequency; actions taken; evidence of results
9.2 Internal audit	
9.2.1 General	Planned intervals; conformity to requirements; effectiveness
9.2.2 Internal audit program	Audit frequency; methods; criteria; scope; reporting results
9.3 Management review	Status; audits; issues; resources; trends; decisions; evidence
<b>10. Improvement</b>	
10.1 General	Implement actions to achieve intended outcomes of EMS
10.2 Nonconformity and corrective action	Control; correct; eliminate cause; review effectiveness
10.3 Continual improvement	Improve EMS effectiveness; environmental performance

This reference is a clause-by-clause key word summary of the ISO 14001:2015 requirements. See the actual ISO 14001:2015 standard for a complete description of the requirements.

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