



ISO 14001:2026

Overview

The new edition of ISO 14001:2026 replaces ISO 14001:2015. **The changes are generally limited**, but each company needs to assess how its own Environmental Management System is affected.

Main Changes

- **Environmental Factors.** Greater emphasis is placed on examining issues such as climate change, biodiversity and the availability of natural resources.
- **Threats and Opportunities.** The requirements for identifying threats and opportunities, as well as for planning actions to address them, are clarified.
- **Planning Changes.** A dedicated section is added for planning changes that affect the Environmental Management System.
- **Life Cycle and External Providers.** The life cycle approach and the management of externally provided products and services are clarified.
- **Management Review.** The requirements are presented in separate subsections, with a clearer distinction between inputs and outputs.
- **Documentation and Terminology.** The availability of documented information is clarified, and certain terms and definitions are harmonized.

Important Dates

15.04.2026	Publication of ISO 14001:2026 and the start of the three-year transition period to the new edition
31.10.2027	After this date, new initial certifications are granted only against ISO 14001:2026
30.04.2029	Final transition deadline. After this date, ISO 14001:2015 certifications cease to be valid

Transition Process

The transition may take place during a scheduled surveillance or recertification audit, or as a separate audit.

Source: Global ACI, Transition Requirements for ISO 14001:2026, Global ACI-TECH-3-TR 2029-04-30 (M), v.1.0.