PECB Certified ISO 14001:2026
Transition

Become acquainted with the differences between ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 14001:2026

Why should you attend?

The ISO 14001:2026 Transition training course delivers a detailed overview of the principal changes introduced in the revised version of ISO 14001, released in April 2026, more than a decade after the previous edition. These revisions reflect the increasing urgency of global environmental challenges and bring targeted improvements that organizations certified under or aligned with ISO 14001 need to fully understand. Although the standard retains its well-established Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) structure and overall framework, the updated requirements raise expectations in the areas of environmental performance, risk-based thinking, and long-term sustainability.

Among the most notable changes covered in this course are an increased focus on broader environmental conditions, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource scarcity, when analyzing the organizational context. The training course also examines the reinforced life cycle perspective in identifying environmental aspects, the newly formalized approach to managing change under clause 6.3 Planning of changes, and the revised planning logic for risks and opportunities. Altogether, these changes reflect a clear move toward more deliberate, measurable, and demonstrable environmental performance.

Upon completing the training course, you will be eligible to sit for the exam. If you successfully pass the exam, you can apply for the “PECB Certified ISO 14001:2026 Transition” credential. This internationally recognized certificate demonstrates that you possess the knowledge and professional capabilities to transition and update an environmental management system (EMS) in line with the revised ISO 14001:2026 requirements.

Who should attend?

This training course is intended for:

- Individuals seeking to remain up to date with the requirements of ISO 14001
- Individuals seeking to understand the differences between ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 14001:2026
- Individuals responsible for transitioning an EMS from ISO 14001:2015 to ISO 14001:2026
- Managers, auditors, trainers, and consultants involved in maintaining or auditing an EMS
- Environmental professionals wishing to update their ISO 14001 certificates

Course agenda

Duration: 2 days

Day 1 | Introduction to ISO 14001:2026 and its comparison to ISO 14001:2015

- Training course objectives and structure
- Management systems and ISO 14001
- Overview of the changes between ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 14001:2026
- Context of the organization
- Leadership

Day 2 | Clause-by-clause comparison between ISO 14001:2026 and ISO 14001:2015 and certification exam

- Planning
- Support
- Operation
- Performance evaluation
- Improvement
- Closing of the training course

Learning objectives

By the end of this training course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the differences between ISO 14001:2026 and ISO 14001:2015
- Interpret the new concepts, requirements, and recommendations of ISO 14001:2026
- Plan and implement the necessary changes to an existing environmental management system to ensure conformity to the requirements of ISO 14001:2026

Examination

Duration: 1 hour

The "PECB ISO 14001:2026 Transition" exam fully meets the PECB Examination and Certification Program (ECP) requirements. It covers the following competency domains:

Domain 1 | Differences between main clauses of ISO 14001:2026 and ISO 14001:2015

Domain 2 | Understanding, planning, and implementing ISO 14001:2026 changes

For specific information about exam type, languages available, and other details, please visit the List of PECB Exams and the Examination Rules and Policies.

Certification

After passing the exam, you can apply for one of the credentials in the table below. You will receive a certificate once you fulfill all the requirements of the selected credential.

The certification requirements for ISO 14001:2026 Transition are:

Credential	Exam	Professional experience	EMS project experience	Other requirements
PECB Certified ISO 14001:2026 Transition	PECB ISO 14001:2026 Transition exam	None	None	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics

For more information about the PECB certification process, please refer to Certification Rules and Policies.

General information

- For candidates who complete a training, eLearning, or self-study course delivered by a PECB Partner, the training fee includes the first exam attempt, one free retake, the certification application fee, and the first year of the Annual Maintenance Fee (AMF). This cycle must be completed within 12 months from the course completion date for instructor-led training, or within 12 months from the purchase date for self-study and eLearning formats.
- Candidates will receive more than 140 pages of comprehensive training materials, including practical examples, exercises, and quizzes.
- An attestation of course completion worth 14 CPD (Continuing Professional Development) credits will be awarded to the candidate.
- If the initial exam is not passed, a free retake may be taken within 12 months of the course completion date. For self-study or eLearning courses, the 12-month period is calculated from the date of purchase.