



PECB Certified ISO 9001 Lead Auditor

Master the audit concepts, procedures, and techniques required to successfully conduct quality management systems (QMS) audits based on ISO 9001

Why should you take this training course?

The ISO 9001 Lead Auditor training course equips participants with the knowledge and skills needed to audit quality management systems (QMS) based on audit principles and best practices.

Organizations worldwide increasingly seek qualified auditors to evaluate the effectiveness of implemented QMSs based on ISO 9001. This comprehensive course equips you with the knowledge and skills to plan, conduct, and manage audits in accordance with ISO 19011 guidelines and ISO/IEC 17021-1 requirements.

The training course also provides practical examples, exercises, and quizzes that help you practice the most important aspects of conformity assessment audits. You will strengthen your skills in collecting and evaluating audit evidence, leading an audit team, identifying and reporting nonconformities, preparing audit conclusions, and completing the audit process effectively.

After you attend the training course, you will be able to sit for the exam. Upon successfully passing the exam, you can apply for the "PECB Certified ISO 9001 Lead Auditor" credential. A UKAS-accredited and internationally recognized "PECB ISO 9001 Lead Auditor" certificate validates your professional capabilities and demonstrates that you have the knowledge and skills to audit a QMS based on ISO 9001.



Who should attend?

This training course is intended for:

- Auditors seeking to perform and lead QMS audits
- Managers or consultants seeking to master the QMS audit process
- Individuals responsible for maintaining conformity to the requirements of ISO 9001 in an organization
- Technical experts seeking to prepare for QMS audits
- Expert advisors in quality management



Course agenda

Duration: 5 days

Day 1 | Introduction to the quality management system (QMS) and ISO 9001

- Training course objectives and structure
- Introduction to management systems and ISO 9001 family of standards
- Certification process
- Fundamental concepts and principles of quality management
- Overview of ISO 9001 requirements

Day 2 | Audit principles and the preparation for and initiation of an audit

- Fundamental audit concepts and principles
- The impact of trends and technology in auditing
- Evidence-based auditing
- Risk-based auditing
- Initiation of the audit process
- Stage 1 audit

Day 3 | On-site audit activities

- Preparing for stage 2 audit
- Stage 2 audit
- Auditing the requirements of ISO 900
- Communication during the audit
- Information collection and analysis methods

Day 4 | Closing of the audit

- Drafting audit findings and nonconformity reports
- Closing of the audit
- Evaluation of action plans by the auditor
- Beyond the initial audit
- Managing an internal audit program
- Closing of the training course

Day 5 | Certification Exam



Learning objectives

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

- Explain the fundamental concepts and principles of a quality management system (QMS) based on ISO 9001
- Interpret the ISO 9001 requirements for a QMS from the perspective of an auditor
- Evaluate the QMS conformity to ISO 9001 requirements, in accordance with the fundamental audit concepts and principles
- Plan, conduct, and close an ISO 9001 compliance audit, in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1 requirements, ISO 19011 guidelines, and other best practices of auditing
- Manage an ISO 9001 audit program

Examination

Duration: 3 hours

The “PECB Certified ISO 9001 Lead Auditor” exam fully meets the requirements of the PECB Examination and Certification Program (ECP). It covers the following competency domains:

Domain 1 | Fundamental principles and concepts of a quality management system

Domain 2 | Quality management system (QMS) requirements

Domain 3 | Fundamental audit concepts and principles

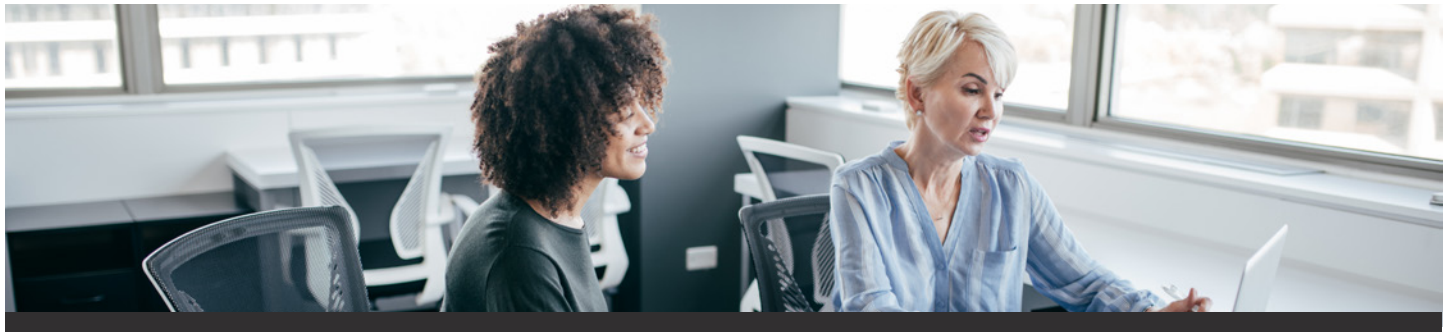
Domain 4 | Preparing an ISO 9001 audit

Domain 5 | Conducting an ISO 9001 audit

Domain 6 | Closing an ISO 9001 audit

Domain 7 | Managing an ISO 9001 audit program

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 on the table below. You will receive a certificate once you fulfill all the requirements of the selected credential.

The certification requirements for ISO 9001 Lead Auditor are:

Credential	Exam	Professional experience	MS audit/assessment experience	Other requirements
PECB Certified ISO 9001 Provisional Auditor	PECB Certified ISO 9001 Lead Auditor exam	None	None	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
PECB Certified ISO 9001 Auditor		2 years (1 year of work experience in quality management)	Audit activities: a total of 200 hours	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
PECB Certified ISO 9001 Lead Auditor		5 years (2 years of work experience in quality management)	Audit activities: a total of 300 hours	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
PECB Certified ISO 9001 Senior Lead Auditor		10 year (7 years of work experience in quality management)	Audit activities: a total of 1,000 hours	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics

The audit activities should follow best practices and include the following:

- Planning an audit
- Managing an audit program
- Drafting audit reports
- Drafting nonconformity reports
- Drafting audit working documents
- Reviewing and managing documented information related to the audit
- Conducting on-site audits
- Following up on nonconformities
- Leading an audit team

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 450 pages of comprehensive training materials, including practical examples, exercises, and quizzes.
- An attestation of course completion worth 31 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.