



ISO 9001: 2015 Status and Transition Planning

The ISO 9001:2015 revision was published on September 15, 2015. The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has allocated a 3-year transition period from date of publication of the standard for Certification Bodies to transfer their clients from the 2008 version to the 2015 version of the standard. Following this transition period ISO 9001:2008 will cease to be valid as of September 15, 2018.

IAF ID 9: 2015 – Transition Planning Guidance for ISO 9001: 2015

This guidance document was published in early 2015 and provides useful information to all parties affected by the transition to the 2015 revision of the standard. The document also strongly emphasizes the need for early activity to ensure a smooth transition process.

MCNA Approach to the Transition

Based on release of the ISO 9001:2015 revision this communication outlines the MCNA intended approach to managing the transition process.

MCNA is currently undertaking actions to prepare and train its assessment resources to audit to the new revision of the standard, including the Auditor pool, Sales and Back Office Administration staff.

Recognizing the needs of our clients to secure adequate training, update their internal systems, and implement these changes to meet the requirements of the new standard; MCNA will not require audits to the ISO 9001:2015 revision of the standard for the first 2 years. MCNA will allow our clients to have input as to which revision of the ISO 9001 Standard (2008 or 2015) they wish to be audited up to September 15, 2017.

However, starting on the September 16, 2017 MCNA will require audits be to the ISO 9001:2015 revision of the Standard.

MCNA is available to provide a Gap Analysis to determine your readiness to conduct an audit to the new revision of the standard, should you desire one.

Information Requirements

The transition audit to the ISO 9001:2015 Standard may be conducted as part of your normal Surveillance or Recertification audit. At the time of scheduling the transition audit, MCNA will determine the additional time necessary to audit the changes between the current revision of the standard and the 2015 revision of the standard for your organization. In most cases, the additional time to cover the changes should result in no more than 1.0 – 1.5 audit days in addition to the time normally associated with the Surveillance or Renewal audit. The MCNA auditors will utilize the additional audit time to evaluate the effectiveness of your organization's internal process changes and enhancements and communications with your stakeholders, suppliers and customers as necessary to address the 2015 changes. Please find attached PowerPoint Presentation outlining the key changes to the ISO 9001:2015 Standard and cross reference tables for ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015.

If you have any questions regarding the transition please do not hesitate to contact Michael Colvin, Operations Manager (832-918-0388 or mcolvin@mcnacert.com) or myself.