

ISO 9001:2008 Requirements for RABQSA Training Providers and Certified Personnel

Milwaukee, Seoul and Sydney: The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published the ISO 9001:2008 Standard on 15 November 2008. The Standard provides clarification to the existing requirements in ISO 9001:2000 and introduces minor changes intended to improve consistency with ISO 14001:2004, the Standard for environmental management systems.

In order to facilitate the implementation of ISO 9001:2008, all RABQSA certified Training Providers (TP's) - Training Provider and Examiner Certification (TPECS) and Training Course Certification (TCC) TP's - offering training and examination to ISO 9001:2000, will be required to update all relevant course materials to reflect the ISO 9001:2008 Standard by 15 February 2009. TPECS Training Providers will be required to update course materials in accordance with the TPECS Competency Unit. RABQSA will review the course materials upon the TPs next scheduled evaluation.

Auditors certified in RABQSA's Quality Management System (QMS) Auditor Certification Schemes, will be required to submit evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to his/her awareness and understanding of the relevant updates to ISO 9001:2000. Audits conducted to the ISO 9001:2008 Standard will not be accepted as meeting the audit experience recertification requirements, if the above evidence has not been submitted within the Auditors recertification cycle.

RABQSA has provided flexibility as to the duration and method used to obtain the ISO 9001:2008 CPD; however, specific details of the CPD's relevance to the ISO 9001:2008 updates, and appropriate verification, must be included on the RABQSA CPD form. Please refer to the Page 2 of the RABQSA CPD Form, available on the RABQSA website at www.rabqsa.com, for acceptable verification.

For Further details of the ISO 9001:2008 update requirements, please contact the RABQSA Personnel or Training Certification Services Coordinator in your region's RABQSA Principal office.

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