

Welcome to ISO 45001:2018

Our Company is working on becoming ISO 45001:2018 registered. This international standard provides for an Occupational Health and Safety Management System that outlines some good basic business practices that we need to have in place. By implementing an OH&S Management System (OHSMS) that complies with the international standard, we will be able to do our part in improving health and safety in our workplace.

Why does our company want to become ISO 45001 registered?

The main reason is that it is the right thing to do! All of us want to do our part in having safe and healthy workplaces where work-related injuries and ill-health conditions are eliminated or at least reduced.

Not only do we want to protect the workplace, we want to improve our OH&S performance as an organization. An important benefit is that we will be able to maintain our position in the market place because more and more customers and countries are becoming health and safety conscious and are requiring that suppliers show proof of sound OH&S commitment.

What will employees need to do for the ISO 45001:2018 OH&S Management System?

First, management will be looking at our company's activities, processes, products and services and performing assessments to identify the hazards and determine how they impact our operations. They will then assess the OH&S risks associated with the hazards and determine the actions needed to address both the OH&S risks and the

opportunities and control the processes to make sure we continually improve. Controlling the processes means documenting the procedures and work instructions, training employees and finding ways to make sure that the activities are done consistently no matter who is involved.

This means that employees may be required to have specialized training, or to follow specific work instructions. Employees will need to be aware that "It is Everyone's Job to ensure a Safe & Healthy Workplace".

ISO 45001 Highlights: Things that you will be hearing about as we proceed with this project....

Our OH&S Policy

We will identify our OH&S Policy and will be communicating it to all workers and employees. It is important that all of us are aware of what this statement says about what our company's vision is for meeting health and safety commitments.

Registration Audit

To become ISO 45001:2018 registered, we will be audited by a registration company. This will happen after we have set up the systems to meet all the requirements of the standard.

The 'Registrar' will send an auditor or audit team to our facilities and evaluate the OH&S system we have in place. They will check to see if the processes meet the requirements of the standard and see if we follow our processes. If everything looks good, we will be recommended for registration and be awarded a certificate and be recognized globally!

Watch for our next newsletter for more introduction to ISO 45001:2018, what it will mean to you and your coworkers.