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TÜV SÜD Ready to Lead Organizations Through ISO 9001:2026

Wakefield, MA. Quality management systems form the foundation for clearly defined and documented business processes. With the publication of ISO 9001:2026, companies are entering the implementation phase of the world's most important standard for quality management systems. TÜV SÜD is highlighting the practical implications of the revision. In addition to adapting existing management systems, companies should also consider the impact on industry-specific quality standards based on ISO 9001.

"The revision preserves the core principles that have made ISO 9001 the world's leading quality management standard while introducing important updates that reflect today's business environment," says Jorge Correa, Deputy Head of Certification Body at TÜV SÜD America. "Organizations that take a proactive approach to understanding and implementing the revised requirements will be better positioned to maintain certification readiness, improve performance, and realize the full benefits of an effective quality management system."

Among other things, the revised standard places greater emphasis on climate-related aspects, specifies requirements for managing risks and opportunities, and highlights the importance of a culture of quality and ethical conduct. The publication also marks the start of a 36-month transition period for the conversion of existing quality management systems. Certificates issued under ISO 9001:2015 remain valid during this period. TÜV SÜD has compiled a detailed analysis of the changes in ISO 9001:2026 on its [ISO 9001 revision page](#).

What Companies Should Do Now

Companies should now systematically review their existing processes and responsibilities against the new requirements of ISO 9001:2026. In addition to a gap analysis, the concurrently revised ISO 9000 series and the significantly expanded Annex A of ISO 9001 can provide important guidance for practical implementation.

“Particularly in areas such as quality culture and ethical conduct, audits will focus less on additional documentation and more on demonstrating effective and consistently applied practices,” says Jorge Correa. “Organizations should begin preparing early by defining responsibilities, engaging leadership, and integrating these priorities into existing business processes.” Jorge Correa, Deputy Head of Certification Body at TÜV SÜD America

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However, the publication of ISO 9001:2026 has implications not only for companies certified to this standard. ISO 9001 forms the basis for numerous industry-specific quality management standards and thus also influences their further development.

This is particularly relevant for the automotive industry. IATF 16949 is based on ISO 9001 and is currently undergoing revision as well. As of now, the revised version is expected to be published in mid-2027. Among other things, the goal is to formulate requirements more clearly and reduce overlaps with ISO 9001. In addition, the transition provisions are to be aligned with the deadlines for ISO 9001:2026.

The situation is different in the medical device sector. ISO 13485:2016 was confirmed in early 2026 as part of its systematic review and remains valid without change until April 2030. For manufacturers of medical devices, the revision of ISO 9001 does not currently result in any immediate changes to the normative requirements.

“Organizations should not view the revision of ISO 9001 in isolation,” says Jorge Correa. “Particularly in regulated and quality-critical industries, it is important to monitor the evolution of industry-specific standards and related requirements. Doing so helps organizations anticipate future expectations, assess potential impacts, strengthen operational performance, support long-term business resilience and prepare for necessary adjustments more effectively.”
Jorge Correa, Deputy Head of Certification Body at TÜV SÜD America

To learn more join our Webinar - [ISO 9001:2026 Understanding the Changes & Transition Planning](#) on Thursday, October 29th at 11am ET for 1 hour with Q&A.

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