

UNDERSTANDING THE BS 99001 STANDARD

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WEBINAR AGENDA

- Introducing the BS 99001 standard and understanding what it is?
 - Why another standard on this?
 - Overview of the requirements of the standard
 - The potential benefits of BS 99001
 - What are the next steps for the standard?
 - Q&A
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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE BS 99001 STANDARD?

KEY POINTS:

- BS 99001:2022 – *Quality management systems — Specification for the application of BS EN ISO 9001:2015 in the built-environment sector* is a British Standard that adds sector-specific quality-management requirements to ISO 9001 for any organisation working on built-environment projects in the UK.
 - It was first published on 31 July 2022.
 - BS 99001 allows organizations to take their quality management one step further.
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WHAT IS BS 99001?

Challenge with ISO 9001

- ISO 9001 is intentionally generic and oriented to organisation-wide processes.
- Construction involves many duty-holders (client, designer, principal contractor, specialists).
- Post-Grenfell building-safety regime demands clear evidence of competence and the “Golden Thread”.
- Sector needs to drive net-zero, social-value and sustainability outcomes.

How BS 99001 responds

- Adds project-lifecycle quality controls that map to RIBA stages and other UK construction workflows.
- Specifies governance, roles and coordination duties for every party across the supply chain.
- Embeds clauses aligning quality records and information management with the UK Building Safety Act and supporting regulations.
- Requires organisations to address environmental, social and economic context in their QMS, linking to PAS 2080, BS EN 15804, BIM etc.

WHY THE NEED FOR A NEW STANDARD?

KEY POINTS:

ISO 9001 – A Solid Foundation, but Not Enough for Construction

- ISO 9001 is widely recognised and cross-industry
 - Its strength is its generality – but this is also a weakness
 - Built environment projects are unique – project-based, not process-based
 - ISO 9001 focuses on organisation-wide systems
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KEY POINTS:

Where ISO 9001 Falls Short in the Built Environment

- Built environment projects span full lifecycles
 - ISO 9001 lacks depth for stage-by-stage control
 - Lacks detail on construction-specific processes
 - Doesn't reflect real-world project complexity
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KEY POINTS:

Introducing BS 99001:2022

- Supplements ISO 9001 – not a replacement
 - Developed by and for the built environment sector
 - Adds sector-specific quality requirements
 - Applies to architects, engineers, contractors, suppliers, etc.
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KEY POINTS:

Why BS 99001 Matters

- Improves suitability, safety, and durability
 - Promotes consistent quality across the sector
 - Builds shared responsibility into the process
 - Aims to raise industry standards
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KEY POINTS:

BS 99001 in a Post-Grenfell Context

- Responds to industry failures and Grenfell
 - Supports Building Safety Act compliance
 - Encourages traceability and accountability
 - Could become mandatory for high-risk buildings
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KEY POINTS:

Flexible Application for Projects of All Sizes

- Scalable for large and small projects
 - Focuses on process, not admin burden
 - Doesn't require full company certification
 - Tailorable to project delivery functions
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KEY POINTS:

Aligning with Future Construction Goals

- Supports net zero and social value goals
 - Encourages sustainable project planning
 - Integrates quality with ESG objectives
 - Builds resilience into assets and delivery
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