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About NQA

NQA is a leading global independently accredited certification body, providing assessments (audits) of organizations to various Management System Standards since 1988.

NQA is part of NTS, the leading independent provider of environmental simulation testing, inspection and certification services in the USA. NTS serves a broad range of industries, including the civil aviation, space, defence, nuclear, telecommunications, industrial, electronics, medical and automotive markets.

NQA has expertise in many diverse industries including aerospace, telecommunications, electronics, information technology, professional services, transportation and distribution, automotive, plastics, metal and machinery, foods and supply chain management. This expansive expertise means NQA, can offer its clients a single point of contact saving them time, as well as an experienced and competent staff based internationally and locally to provide effective attention.

NQA's worldwide operations are accredited to perform management systems registrations by ANSI - ANAB (American National Standards Institute/Registrar Accreditation Board), UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) and various other regional and industry-specific oversight bodies.

ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Standard

ISO 9001 is the internationally recognised standard for Quality Management Systems (QMS). It is the most widely used QMS standard in the world, with over 1.1 million certificates issued to organizations in 178 countries.

ISO 9001 provides a framework and set of principles that ensure a common-sense approach to the management of your organization to consistently satisfy customers and other stakeholders. In simple terms, it provides the basis for effective processes and effective people to deliver an effective product or service time after time.

ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Standard

ISO 14001:2004 is the international standard for environmental management systems (EMS) and the most widely used EMS in the world, with over 14,000 organizations certified in the UK and over 250,000 certificates issued globally.

ISO 14001 is the principal management system standard which specifies the requirements for the formulation and maintenance of an EMS. This helps to control your environmental aspects, reduce impacts and ensure legal compliance.

ISO 14001 is accompanied by ISO 14004 Environmental Management Systems – General Guidelines on principles, systems and support techniques. The standard covers issues such as the establishment, implementation, maintenance and improvement of an EMS.

OHSAS 18001:2007 Health and Safety Management Standard

18001:2007 emphasizes the continuous improvement of an occupational health and safety management system (OHS). The standard specifies requirements for an occupational health and safety management system to enable an organization to develop and implement a policy and objectives which considers both legal requirements and known hazards and risks.

Organizations which have demonstrated conformance to 18001:2007 have seen higher employee morale, lower injury rates and improved regulatory compliance.

ISO 27001:2013 Information Security Management Standard

The ISO 27001:2013 (formally known as ISO/IEC 27001:2005) standard provides a framework for an Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) that enables the continued accessibility, confidentiality and integrity of information as well as legal compliance.

ISO 27001 certification is essential for protecting your most vital assets. This includes the continued accessibility, confidentiality and integrity of its own information and that of its stakeholders as well as legal compliance.

ISO 50001:2011 Energy Management Standard

ISO 50001 is the international standard for Energy Management providing the most robust framework for optimising energy efficiency in public and private sector organizations. Certification to this standard demonstrates an organization's commitment to continual improvement in energy management, allowing them to lead by example within their respective industries and ensure related legislative and regulatory requirements are met.

AS 9100 Aerospace Management Standard

AS 9100 is the quality management standard specific to the aerospace industry but it also includes the ISO 9001:2008 standard verbatim. Consequently, any company registered to AS 9100 also meets the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 or 2015. In addition, this standard includes additional requirements specific to the unique requirements of the aerospace industry. First published in May 1997 by the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) as AS 9000, the AS standard has evolved to AS 9100 Rev. C and is recognized by all major Aerospace OEMs.

AS 9110 Aerospace Management Standard

AS 9110 is the quality management system standard developed by aerospace professionals to meet the specific requirements of aerospace maintenance organizations. AS 9110 incorporates the requirements of ISO 9001:2000 or 2008 and specifies additional aviation and defence maintenance repair and overhaul industry requirements.

AS 9120 Aerospace Management Standard

AS 9120 is the quality management system developed specifically for aerospace industry distributors. The standard is based on ISO 9001, but includes many additional requirements specific to aerospace distributors, addressing issues such as chain of custody, traceability, control and availability of records. AS 9120 requires suppliers to have a comprehensive quality management system focused on areas directly impacting product safety and reliability.

AS 9003 Aerospace Management Standard

AS 9003 is the quality management system standard for inspection and testing organizations, developed to ensure that the inspection, conformity and airworthiness of products are maintained. Based on the ISO 9000:1994 standard, an AS 9003 quality system is structured to include requirements that provide suppliers with a system that defines activities required to support product integrity.

AC 00-56 Aerospace Management Standard

AC 00-56 is a program supported and strongly endorsed by the FAA for the voluntary accreditation of civil aircraft parts distributors. Accreditation of a distributor's quality system by a third-party accreditation program conveys an assurance that the parts a customer receives are of the quality stated, the appropriate documentation is on file at the distributor's place of business, and that the distributor is able to maintain the quality system and will assist the customer's determination of the part's eligibility for installation on type certificated products.

TL 9000 Communications Standard

TL 9000 is the Communications Industry standard developed by the QuEST (Quality Excellence for Suppliers of Telecommunications) Forum with the following goals: establish and maintain a common set of telecom QMS requirements, which reduces the number of standards for the industry; foster a system that protects the integrity and use of telecom products hardware, software and services; define effective cost and performance-based measurements to guide progress and evaluate the results of QMS implementation; drive continual improvement and enhance customer relationships; and certification to TL 9000 includes rigorous set of requirements along with specific performance measurements which must be tracked on an on-going basis.

ISO/TS 16949:2009 Automotive Management Standard

ISO/TS 16949 was designed to improve product and process quality in the Automotive Industry. Global suppliers certified to the standard share a common quality system approach, and businesses can turn to those suppliers with confidence, knowing they will find consistent quality and that the need for multiple third party registrations will be minimized The ISO/TS 16949:2009 standard was released in June, 2009.

ISO/TS 16949 was originally published in 1999 to create and promote harmonization of supplier quality system requirements for the automotive industry. ISO/TS 16949 is a common global registration scheme recognized by all participating organizations of the International Automotive Task Force (IATF), which includes, but is not limited to, DaimlerChrysler AG, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, BMW and Volkswagen.

ESD S20.20 Electro-Static Discharge Control Program

ANSI/ESD S20.20 is an industry-neutral standard for the development of an Electro-Static Discharge (ESD) control program. The standard covers the requirements necessary to develop, implement, maintain and monitor an ESD control program to protect today's increasingly sensitive electronic parts, assemblies and equipment from ESD damage.

ESD damage costs organizations millions of dollars annually in defective product, rework and repair of electronic systems. NQA and its auditors are accredited directly by the ESD Association (ESDA) for the purposes of conducting ESD Facility Certification Audits.

ISO 22000:2005 Food Safety Management Standard

The ISO 22000:2005 standard outlines Food Safety Management System Requirements for any organization in the food chain, and is one of a family of standards focused at the development, implementation and improvement of a food safety management system.

ISO 13485:2003 Medical Devices Standard

ISO 13485 is the quality management system standard for medical device manufacturers and their sub-tier suppliers and subcontractors. Based on the ISO 9001 standard, ISO 13485 includes additional requirements for medical device manufacturers to demonstrate their intent to comply with applicable regulatory and statutory requirements. ISO 13485 is recognized as an aid in supporting compliance with the Medical Device Directive.

BS 11000 Collaborative Working Standard

BS 11000 is a roadmap for establishing and managing collaborative relationships with suppliers (upstream), customers (downstream), partners (horizontal) and inter department or function (internal) in order to generate benefits for all parties. BS 11000 is about driving organisational mind set and culture toward collaboration, rather than being a document focussed on delivering contractual obligations.

BS 8900-2:2013 Sustainable Development Management Standard

BS 8900 is a strategic management scheme that helps you holistically direct policy and organisational culture to enable long-term success (i.e. sustainable development). It is a framework for managing People, Planet and Profit.

ISO 22301:2012 Business Continuity Management Standard

ISO 22301 is the international standard for Business Continuity Management (BCM). It provides a practical framework for setting up and managing an effective business continuity management system. This aims to safeguard it from a wide range of potential threats and disruptions.