



# Gain Competitive Advantage with ISO 14001



INSPECTION AND  
CERTIFICATION

We have a deep responsibility to do the right thing for food and the environments it comes from.

Whether you are at the beginning or end of your journey towards being more environmentally responsible, we can help you. ISO 14001 is an internationally recognised standard which provides practical tools for companies and organisations looking to manage their environmental responsibilities.

Global customers in the food industry are increasingly seeking assurance that their suppliers are operating sustainably - accredited ISO 14001 certification is often accepted or required as evidence of environmental management. It provides a framework for an effective environmental management system and is suitable for any company regardless of size, activity or sector. This system can be integrated with other management systems such as ISO 9001 if desired.

#### Why ISO 14001?

- Adds credibility and value by enhancing company image
- Delivers improved environmental performance and management
- Can be utilised to improve resource efficiency and reduce waste
- Ensures core environmental issues are addressed through organisation strategy
- Demonstrates compliance with statutory and regulatory environmental requirements
- System implementation encourages improved environmental performance of suppliers
- Delivers assurance to customers looking for environmentally responsible suppliers



## What's the process?

Here's the steps towards ISO 14001 accredited certification.

- 1 INITIAL CERTIFICATION STEPS**  
To identify whether your line of business is within AsureQuality's scope of operation and to ensure a correctly qualified team is assigned to manage your certification.
- 2 GAP ASSESSMENT**  
To provide guidance on whether or not the environmental management system broadly meets the intentions of ISO 14001:2015. If you feel this would be of little benefit, you can skip this step.
- 3 PROPOSAL AND COSTING PROVIDED**  
For a three year certification cycle.
- 4 STAGE 1 AUDIT**  
To identify suitability of documentation, assess scoping activity and determine degree of readiness for the Stage 2 audit.
- 5 STAGE 2 AUDIT**  
Needs to be conducted within six months of the Stage 1 audit. Once completed and any non-compliances are addressed, a recommendation will be made for your organisation to be certified.
- 6 CERTIFICATION**  
Once certification has been approved, you will be registered on the JAS-ANZ register and issued with an AsureQuality certificate for ISO 14001:2015.
- 7 SURVEILLANCE AUDITS**  
Are typically undertaken on an annual basis throughout the certification cycle of 36 months. After the completion of this cycle, you'll be required to begin a new certification cycle, and allow for the undertaking of a recertification audit. Prior to recertification, you'll be required to re-supply core organisation information (staff numbers, etc) to allow for a new proposal and costings for your second 36 month certification cycle to be developed.

