

## DQS Inc. - ISO 45001:2018 New Registration and Upgrade Policy

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- ◆ The BS OHSAS 18001:2007 standard is set to be withdrawn in favor of ISO 45001:2018 standard, and there will be a three year transition period for customers to upgrade to the new standard.
- ◆ For existing customers already registered to OHSAS-18001, all certificates renewed after March 12, 2018 will expire no later than **March 12, 2021**.
- ◆ In order to transition or migrate to the ISO 45001 standard from the OHSAS-18001 standard, the management system must be maintained in good standing, with regular surveillance audits and recertification audits conducted as required.
- ◆ New client certificates will be valid for a period of less than three years, to expire no later than **March 12, 2021**.
- Readiness review or Stage 1 policy
  - If the client has an existing DQS registration to ISO-14001:2015 or RC-14001:2015 with integrated processes, a separate readiness review for ISO 45001 upgrade is a client option but not required.
  - A client or auditor may request a readiness review, gap assessment, or upgrade audit at any time.
  - An offsite readiness review or optional onsite readiness review is required for a standalone OHSAS-18001 or non-integrated system upgrade to ISO 45001:2018.
  - An onsite stage 1 is required for a new registration to ISO 45001:2018.
- Existing OHSAS-18001 clients must complete their upgrade assessment prior to **December 31, 2020**. Upgrade audits will be conducted as a recertification audit. We recommend scheduling it to coincide with the next scheduled recertification audit. If conducted at the time of a surveillance or a special audit, the certificate period will continue until the next scheduled recertification.



- New registrations to OHSAS-18001 will not be conducted after **March 30, 2020**.
- Gap assessments are available from DQS starting immediately.

Clients who elect not to migrate or transition to ISO 45001 within the required timeframe will have their OHSAS 18001 certifications expire no later than March 12, 2021. After a certificate is allowed to expire, a full S1/S2 Registration will be required to grant ISO 45001.

Please feel free to contact DQS with any questions or to book your upgrade dates now. We will try to honor your requests for specific dates or auditors wherever possible.

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