

5 Day Lead Environmental Auditor course

Modules Overview

IEMA Certified 5 day Lead Environmental Auditor Training

Module 1 – Introductions

The introductory session provides instructors and participants with insight into the background and experience of those attending the course. We recognize the value that participants bring to a session such as this, and our instructors continuously encourage active participation from all participants – at all times. The instructor provides an overview of the program and discusses the objectives for the whole session; introducing some key themes, provide insights into the style of the course and the rules of engagement, the basis for evaluation of the delegates, and how each delegate can apply for certification with IEMA.

Module 2 – Environment: A Source of Increasing Business Risk

Anyone who is exposed to children or young adults understands that there is a rising tide of concern about the environment. In this module, the instructor leads the group in a discussion on the quite phenomenal, deeply dynamic and very broad-based growth of concerns about environmental issues and future developments in this regard. They will also discuss the practical implications of these developments for business.

Module 3 – Are Your Operations Properly Equipped to Address the Rising Challenge from the Environment? If not, why not?

The instructor leads a discussion on participants' concerns about the existing environmental programs within their organization, the obstacles they face in trying to meet established environmental management goals, and the issues which concern them in their capacity as individuals who need to contribute to the development of the environmental function within their organization.

Module 4 – EMS Auditing and Certification: Language, the Players and their Roles

Participants are introduced to the language and players of EMS certification. Participants will consider the literal meaning of certification and how others can interpret it.

Module 5 – Environmental Laws and Regulations

This module will provide participants with an overview of environmental legislative and regulatory framework in the country where the course is delivered.

Module 6 – The Broader ISO 14000 Series of Standards and Their Evolution

A review of other standards in the ISO 14000 series will be given. We will also cover how ISO standards are developed and who the key players are in these processes. An update on ongoing revisions to EMS standards will be provided.

Module 7 – ISO/IEC 17021

Time will be spent reviewing the ISO/IEC 17021 - the official rulebook for certification bodies that provide accredited certification. The review will include highlighting key issues associated with implementation of the standard.



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Module 8 – Pointers on Effective Presentations

Being able to deliver effective presentations is one of the key skills that an auditor should possess. The instructor will provide pointers on how to maintain engagement and credibility in presentations you make.

Module 9 – ISO 19011: Guidelines for Quality and/or Environmental Management System Auditing

The instructor leads an interactive discussion on the requirements of ISO 19011. The instructor will specifically spend time on clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the standard, which cover a number of key elements of the audit process, auditor team selection and auditing skills.

Module 10 – EMS Audit (Making Sense of ISO 14001)

Those involved in the implementation of ISO 14001 are often frustrated by the lack of consistency in interpretation of the standard. Managers can, and do, spend many hours in detailed and often futile discussions about the meaning of the standard. In this highly interactive module the instructor leads participants to a deep and comfortable understanding of ISO 14001 requirements and the real meaning of the requirements of the standard in an operational setting. Delegates will also learn why many studies are finding that most organizations are failing to obtain any real value from their EMS initiatives and ISO 14001.

Module 11 – Six Steps to Ensure that ISO 14001 Delivers a Step Change in Environmental Performance

Approached in the right way, EMS and ISO 14001 certification can be used to deliver dramatic improvements in environmental performance outcomes, preventing reputation-wrecking environmental incidents, delivering markedly improved compliance with regulations and substantive reductions in impacts on people and the environment arising from normal operations. All are good for the reputation and the bottom line of the organization. In this module, participants are guided through a series of six steps to harness the power of environmental management systems and ISO 14001 and the resources that are devoted to it, to deliver a certificate and a real shift in the quality of environmental outcomes through behavioral change.

Module 12 – EMS Audit for Performance

Through a number of case study exercises and presentations, participants will develop their EMS audit skills. This module builds on materials presented in earlier modules and is designed to immerse participants into ERM CVS' innovative EMS auditing techniques.

Module 13 – Certification: From Application to Approval

In this module, the instructor reviews the objectives for each element of the ISO 14001 assessment process and how managers can use their certifiers as a positive force to support their efforts to deliver effective management of the environment within their organizations.

Module 14 – Written Examination

A series of multiple choice, short answer and essay type questions are provided to the delegates for this proctored exam. Two hours will be allotted for this written exam.