



Many people are curious about how the new ISO 14001:2015 compares to the current standard ISO 14001:2004. Perry Johnson Registrars has created this table to give insight into the similarities and differences with the new High Level Structure format. Just from looking there seems to be a plethora of changes with the new proposed standard, but ISO 14001:2015 just divides the context into extra subcategories with more descriptions than ISO 14001:2004.

ISO 14001:2015 vs. ISO 14001:2004 — A Side-by-Side Comparison

DIS 14001:2015			ISO 14001:2004
Scope	1	1	Scope
Normative References	2	2	Normative References
Terms and Definitions	3	3	Terms and Definitions
Context of Organization	4	4	Environmental Management System Requirements
Understanding the Organization and its Context	4.1	4	Environmental Management System Requirements
Understanding the Needs and Expectations of Interested Parties	4.2	4	Environmental Management System Requirements
Determining the Scope of the Environmental Management System	4.3	4.1	General Requirements
Environmental Management System	4.4	4.1	General Requirements
Leadership	5	4.4	Implementation and Operation
Leadership and Commitment	5.1	4.4.1	Resources, Roles, Responsibility and Authority
Environmental Policy	5.2	4.2	Environmental Policy
Organizational Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities	5.3	4.4.2	Competence, Training and Awareness
Planning	6	4.3	Planning
Actions to Address Risk Associated with Threats and Opportunities	6.1	4.3.1	Environmental Aspects
General	6.1.1	4.3.1	Environmental Aspects
Significant Environmental Aspects	6.1.2	4.3.1	Environmental Aspects
Compliance Obligations	6.1.3	4.3.2	Legal and other requirements
Risks Associated with Threats and Opportunities	6.1.4		N/A
Planning to Take Action	6.1.5	4.3.3	Objectives, Targets and Programs
Environmental Objectives and planning to Achieve them	6.2	4.3.3	Objectives, Targets and Programs
Environmental Objectives	6.2.1	4.3.3	Objectives, Targets and Programs
Planning Actions to Achieve Environmental Objectives	6.2.2	4.3.3	Objectives, Targets and Programs
Support	7	4.5	Checking
Resources	7.1	4.5	Checking
Competence	7.2	4.5	Nonconformity, Corrective Action and Preventative Action
Awareness	7.3	4.5.3	Checking
Communication	7.4	4.4.3	Communication
General	7.4.1	4.4.3	Communication
Internal Communication	7.4.2	4.4.3	Communication
External Communication	7.4.3	4.4.3	Communication
Documented Information	7.5	4.4.4	Documentation
General	7.5.1	4.4.4	Documentation
Creating and Updating	7.5.2	4.4.5	Control of Documents
Control of Documented Information	7.5.3	4.5.4	Control of records
Operation	8	4.4.6	Operational Control
Operational Planning and Control	8.1	4.4.6	Operational Control
Emergency Preparedness and Response	8.2	4.4.7	Emergency Preparedness and Response
Performance Evaluation	9	4.5	Checking
Monitoring, Measurement, Analysis and Evaluation	9.1	4.5.1	Monitoring and Measurement
General	9.1.1	4.5.1	Monitoring and Measurement
Evaluation of Compliance	9.1.2	4.5.2	Evaluation of Compliance
Internal Audit	9.2	4.5.5	internal Audits
Management Review	9.3	4.6	Management Review
Improvement	10	4.6	Management Review
Nonconformity and Corrective Action	10.1	4.5.3	Nonconformity, Corrective Action and Preventative Action
Continual Improvement	10.2	4.6	Management Review