



The R2:2013 Standard has been published and is on the R2 Solutions website: www.r2solutions.org. The new version clarifies requirements of the R2:2008 Practices. Transitioning from the current R2:2008 Standard to the R2:2013 Standard must be accomplished within 18 months from July 1, 2013. The R2:2013 Transition Plan is also available on the R2 Solutions website. PJR has prepared a list of frequently asked questions to assist in understanding the transition process.

Frequently Asked Questions on the R2 Transition for the PJR Website

Q: When will the 2013 version of the R2 Standard be published?

A: The effective date for R2:2013 and the associated Code of Practices is July 1, 2013.

Q: Is it true we need to sign a licensing agreement with R2 Solutions?

A: Beginning on the effective date of the R2 Code of Practices, PJR is required to verify that an R2 certified organization has a licensing agreement with R2 Solutions before certifying/recertifying the organization to either the 2008 or 2013 version of the R2 Standard. If your organization is in surveillance mode after the effective date of the R2 Code of Practices, then PJR is also required to confirm a valid licensing agreement. If one is not in place, PJR is required to issue a nonconformance. If the licensing agreement is not established in a timely manner, PJR will suspend the organization's R2 certificate.

Q: When will I be audited to the new version of the R2 Standard?

A: PJR can no longer issue new certificates to R2:2008 six months after the effective date of the publication of R2:2013 and the associated Code of Practices. Thus, new clients who are not planning on their initial audit until on or after October 1, 2013 should be audited to the 2013 version of the Standard. Similarly, existing clients who are not due for their recertification audit until October 1, 2013 or later must be audited to the 2013 version of the standard. This will allow sufficient time for clients to implement corrective action and for PJR to make a decision on the audit package prior to January 1, 2014.

Q: I am due for my recertification audit in early September 2013. What version of the Standard am I required to be audited to?

A: With a July 1, 2013 effective date, you have the option of being audited to the 2008 version because your audit is prior to October 1, 2013. We would be able to issue your certificate within the six-month period following the issue date. However, you can also be audited to the 2013 version.

Q: If I am due for a surveillance audit in 2013, when should I transition to the 2013 version of the standard?

A: An organization needs to consider that all R2:2008 certifications will no longer be valid eighteen months after the effective date of R2:2013. (With a July 1, 2013 publication date, this would be January 1, 2015). Thus, if you are due for a surveillance audit in the 4th quarter of a calendar year, then your organization should transition in 2013. If you waited until 2014, there may not be enough time to close out nonconformities and have the audit package approved before January 1, 2015.

Q: What are the biggest changes in Provision 1 relating to the need for accredited certification?

A: In order to be R2 certified, an organization must also have accredited certification to ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 OR to RIOS. If you are not currently certified to ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 OR to RIOS, then the initial audits for this/these standards can occur simultaneously with your R2 audit.



- Q:** Do all certifications mentioned in the question above have to be with the same certification body?
- A:** No. This is not necessarily the case. An organization can have ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 with one certification body and R2 with another. However, from a purely financial standpoint, discounts in audit time can be given for integrated management systems. Thus, it makes sense to have a single integrated audit conducted by just one certification body.
- Q:** Do the audits have to be integrated or can they be on different cycles?
- A:** While there are numerous benefits to having integrated audits, they are not required.
- Q:** We are only R2 certified. When do we have to be certified to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 (or RIOS)?
- A:** In order for PJR to issue an R2:2013 certificate, the organization must also be certified to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 (or RIOS). Thus, the ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certification must be obtained before or at the same time as the R2:2013 certification.
- Q:** What are the changes to Provision 3 relating to the R2 certified recycler proving the legality of all exports downstream?
- A:** The responsibility for demonstrating the legality of exports is on the certified recycler. This includes countries that focus materials pass through. Thus, it is not enough to simply say, "We are using an R2 certified downstream". You must be able to demonstrate to the PJR auditor that your downstream vendors conform to your FM plan.
- Q:** What type of content is included in the R2 Code of Practices mentioned earlier?
- A:** Amongst other content, R2 Solutions licensing or membership requirements are included here. You will also find requirements for logo usage.
- Q:** Will the new version of the standard allow multi-sites?
- A:** Yes, there will be increased allowance for multi-site certifications. However, each location needs an on-site audit. Sampling is not allowed initially.
- Q:** Does the R2 Code of Practices talk to audit time?
- A:** Yes, minimum audit time requirements are included. This is above and beyond the audit time for ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 or RIOS and cannot be reduced. Audit time is increased for campus schemes, for the size of the downstream vendor recycling chain, for evaluation of remote sites in a multi-site scheme and to verify prior NCRs on a surveillance audit.
- Q:** Will PJR be providing any training on the 2013 version of the R2 Standard?
- A:** Absolutely! We always strive to keep our clients up-to-date on the latest happenings in any industry. We will be conducting free, one-hour education webinars on this very topic. Please check the webinar section of our website: www.pjr.com.