While standards throughout the myriad industries that use ISO certification continue to transition into new iterations, another familiar player in that field is about to receive a major facelift. OHSAS 18001 is soon to be replaced with ISO 45001, with the intentions of enabling organizations to improve occupational health and safety performance, prevent work related injuries or illnesses, and to provide overall safe and healthy workplaces.

The shift to ISO 45001 will incorporate Annex SL, bringing it in line with the other recently-revised ISO standards such as ISO 9001:2015 and 14001:2015. Particularly of note to organizations wishing to integrate their management systems, as the common structure, content, themes, and language will align far more than previous iterations.

ISO published the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) for ISO 45001 on November 20th, 2017 – final publication of the standard is forecasted to be in the first half of 2018. Upon publication of ISO 45001, OHSAS 18001 will be withdrawn; all organizations currently certified to OHSAS 18001 will have three years to transition to ISO 45001.

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