

Environmental  
Management System  
ISO 14001:2015

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CERTIFICATION BODY

## **Purpose of ISO 14001:2015**

Environmental Management System is a formal environmental management system to help organisations drive activities and its aspects to reduce negative environmental impacts it may have. Its purpose is to help manage organisations environmental responsibilities in a systematic manner that contributes to the environmental pillar of sustainability. The intended outcomes of implementation aim to enhance environmental performance, fulfil compliance obligations and achieve environmental objectives.

Having an Environmental Management System in place; organisations can identify, manage, monitor and control their current environmental impacts in a holistic approach that is easily integrated into other ISO management systems such as ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) and/or ISO 45001:2018 (Occupational Health and Safety Management System)

All organisations should consider implementing an Environmental Management System as it mainly focuses on reducing organisations overall environmental footprint, it assists in reducing the use of non-renewable resources (Alternatives), as well as manages any environmental impacts that could negatively affect businesses and its reputation.

## **Benefits of ISO 14001:2015**

### Client Reach and Satisfaction

- Complaints from clients about a lack in proper waste management practices,
- A stronger corporate image / Good Corporate Citizen,
- An enlarged market share,
- Meeting investor criteria,

### Compliance

- Adherence to statutory and regulatory compliance,
- Reduced likelihood of fines and prosecutions,
- Conformance to policy and meet vendor or client requirements,

### Environmental Improvement

- Reduction to non-renewable resources consumption,
- An understanding of the negative impact the business may have on the environment

### Engagement

- Fixes a lack of communication about the environmental achievements and the procedures to adopt,
- Product/service realisation and plans for future creation,
- Plant and equipment maintenance to avoid possible contaminant breaches,

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