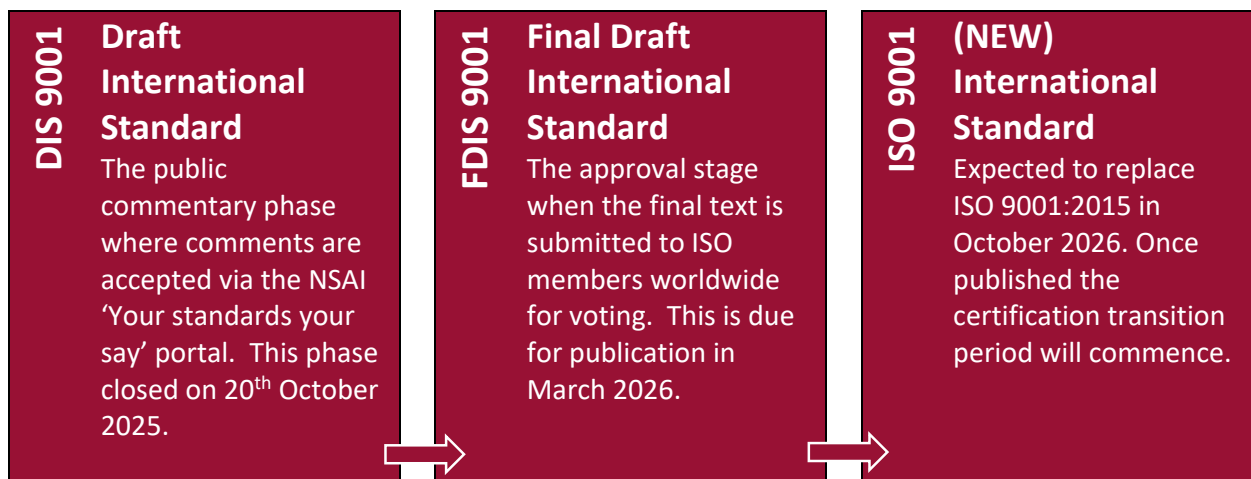


Revision of ISO 9001 – Quality management standard

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The new 2026 version of ISO 9001 is due for publication in October 2026. The DIS (Draft International Standard) was published in October 2025 and the FDIS (Final Draft International Standard) is expected in March 2026.



The revision of ISO 9001 is happening in response to global changes that have emerged since the last updated in 2015, which have created a more volatile, interconnected and demanding business environment. These shifts include:

- Increased supply chain complexity and risk
- Increased stakeholder expectations around ESG, transparency and ethical conduct
- Digital disruption including AI, automation and hybrid working models
- Greater emphasis on leadership accountability by embedding quality into the core governance of the organisation.

Some of the key features and updates of the new version*:

- Strengthening of the link between quality objectives and business strategy
- New requirements asking leadership to foster a quality culture that includes ethical behaviour
- Shifting focus from procedural conformity to value driven leadership
- Splitting of clause 6 into distinct treatment of risks and opportunities
- Emphasis on communication, resource planning and role clarity
- Addition of Annex A – serves as an enhancement to the standard by offering clarifications of the requirements.

** Still at draft stage and subject to further potential changes*

The NSAI will publish a transition policy for clients certified to ISO 9001:2015 in 2026.