



FORMACIÓN

# Lead Auditor for Environmental Management Systems ISO 14001:2026 (accreditation IRCA 2803)



## Why take this course?

This course provides the knowledge and skills required to plan, carry out, manage and lead audits of environmental management systems in accordance with the ISO 14001 standard



**40 hours**



**English**



**Field of study  
Environment**



**Virtual/  
enquire in person**



Throughout the course, participants will gain a thorough understanding of the standard's requirements, as well as the audit principles and practices based on ISO 19011.

The approach is highly practical, combining theory with exercises, real-life case studies and audit simulations.



## Qualification

Participants who pass both the exam and the continuous assessment will receive a certificate of achievement confirming that they have met the official CQI and IRCA training requirements for EMS auditors. Those who do not pass both assessments will receive a certificate of attendance equivalent to the duration of the course. Furthermore, participants who fail the exam will be entitled to a second attempt within 12 months of the course ending.



## Who is it aimed at?

This course is aimed at:

- Environmental managers.
- Management system specialists.
- Internal auditors.
- Environmental consultants.
- Quality, health and safety, or sustainability managers.
- Professionals wishing to develop their careers as auditors.



## What will you achieve on this course?

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Carry out audits in accordance with the requirements of the ISO 14001:2026 standard.
- Understand the key elements of the ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1 standards.
- Understand key environmental issues.
- Plan an audit based on a set of audit criteria.
- Successfully carry out an audit of environmental management systems.
- Produce clear, concise and relevant audit reports
- Communicate the audit results to the client.

### Why does Bureau Veritas recommend it?

The course uses a combination of lectures, discussions and practical exercises to achieve its objectives. The practical exercises are based on a fictitious company that is being audited. However, the procedures, work instructions and data are typical and could equally apply to many different companies. The practical exercises have been carefully designed to focus on issues that commonly arise during EMS audits.

### Prerequisites:

- Knowledge of report writing is desirable.
- Knowledge of the following principles and concepts of environmental management and the intended outcome of an environmental management system: improvement of environmental performance and compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Achievement of environmental objectives.
- Those who are not familiar with the standard are advised to take an introductory course. Bureau Veritas offers a free e-learning course for this purpose.
- Learners must understand generic management systems, including the PDCA cycle and its key elements.

# Programme

## **Environmental issues:**

- Overview of environmental management systems
- What to consider in the context of the organisation
- What to consider during implementation and operation
- What to consider in terms of leadership, planning and support
- What to consider in terms of operation, performance reviews and improvements

## **Environmental legislation and auditing for the implementation and compliance process Audit-related issues:**

- Audit management and techniques
- Accreditation and certification processes (ISO 17021, IAF MD1)
- Auditor competence (ISO 19011, CQI-IRCA standards)
- Workshops and practical exercises with feedback

## **Methodology:**

- Workshops, exercises, real-life case studies and simulations
- Continuous assessment and feedback from the trainer
- Integration of theory and practice

## **Assessment and certification:**

The course includes two types of assessment:

**Continuous assessment:** based on the participant's progress and performance during the course exercises and activities.

**Final exam:** compulsory to complete the official training. CQI online assessment (duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes).