

# ISO 9001:2026 readiness made simple with BPAQuality365

How BPA's eQMS helps organizations align with the updated standard and simplify certification readiness

## What will change in ISO 9001:2026

Early indications show that ISO 9001:2026 will continue to build on the solid foundations of the 2015 version. The Annex SL structure remains, but new drafts point toward modernizations that reflect today's business environment and quality culture expectations. Final publication is anticipated in late 2026, followed by a three-year transition window to 2029.

## Key areas of expected evolution

### ! Enhanced risk-based thinking

Organizations will be expected to move beyond basic risk identification toward more integrated and sophisticated approaches that include risk appetite definition, scenario planning and coordinated risk management across processes.

### ! Digital transformation integration

The new version is likely to address digital process management, data governance, cybersecurity and technology-enabled quality management. For many organizations, this will require assessing digital maturity and ensuring that quality data flows are accurate, secure and traceable.

### ! Sustainability and social responsibility

Environmental considerations, responsible business practices and sustainable development will likely have a stronger presence in the revised requirements.

### ! Stronger stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder mapping will expand beyond traditional customers and suppliers to include communities, regulators and other interested parties who influence or are influenced by quality outcomes.

### ! **Performance management evolution**

Performance evaluation is expected to include outcome-based indicators, predictive analytics and real-time monitoring capabilities that demonstrate value creation for all stakeholders.

## The implications

The transition to ISO 9001:2026 is not only about compliance. It is a strategic opportunity to strengthen quality culture, reinforce business resilience and modernize management systems. Early preparation is essential to avoid certification gaps, maintain operational continuity and ensure that the updated requirements can be integrated smoothly.

# Easily transition to ISO 9001:2026 with BPA

BPA Solutions has been designed from the beginning to help organizations build a robust, intelligent and adaptable quality management ecosystem. The platform integrates risk management, document control, sustainability tracking, process automation, audits and training within the Microsoft 365 ecosystem, allowing organizations to operate securely, efficiently and at scale. As the ISO 9001:2026 expectations become clearer, BPA already offers the capabilities needed to meet them.

## 1 Reinforcing leadership and improvement cycles

With ISO 9001:2026 expected to place greater emphasis on culture and ethics, **BPA Process Management** helps organizations document how leadership influences improvement, accountability and performance.

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With **BPA** you can

- Verify list of processes and process maps
  - Create/update processes and process maps with new ISO 9001-2026 processes (e.i. sustainability, refer to 6)
  - Update process owners
- Verify other master data
  - Update lists of departments, organization chart, jobs, skills with new ISO 9001-2026 requirements (e.i. new skills needed, refer to 4)
- Monitor process performance
  - Plan next audit to verify all processes have been documented for new ISO 9001-2026 requirements
  - Plan monthly process reviews and monitor NC, actions, process performance
  - Business Intelligence: visualize processes with the Turtle diagram available

## 2 Updating audits and internal assurance

Audit criteria and objectives may evolve with the new structure of ISO 9001:2026. **BPA Audit Management** ensures that internal audits remain aligned, effective and evidence driven.

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With **BPA** you can

- Make sure regulations include last ISO 9001-2026 changes
  - With the grid mode, mass import new clauses and chapters
- Adjust audit questionnaires
  - Leverage Q-Pilot, BPA's AI-powered quality agent, for additional questions covering the new clauses and chapters
- Start a gap analysis audit
  - Select the relevant questions for each new clauses and chapters
- Leverage Q-Pilot, BPA's AI-powered quality agent, to answer questions
  - Let AI respond questions with related referenced documents
  - Let AI identify questions with missing documentation
  - Initiate new document request for non-documented questions
- Link audit with findings, risks, and plan corrective actions
  - Create risks to not comply with ISO 9001-2026 (refer to 5)
  - Assign and track corrective actions
  - Complete audit when actions are fulfilled
- Start revision for documents to need to be updated (refer to 3)
  - Document responsible will be automatically notified

### 3 Ensuring full document traceability

As clause references and requirement structures shift, **BPA Document Control** maintains complete traceability, version control and audit-ready documentation.

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With **BPA** you can

- Add ISO 9001-2026 version in controlled documents
- Add ISO 9001-2026 awareness training in controlled documents
- Update existing documents to comply with ISO 9001-2026 changes
  - Based on new document requests and document revision requests from gap analysis
- Link documents with ISO 9001-2026 clauses and chapters
  - Update document metadata to link with new clauses, chapters (and simplify audits)
  - Link documents with processes (e.i. new processes related to ISO 9001-2026, refer to 2)
  - Specify approvers and recipients for training
- Let Q-Pilot, BPA's AI-powered quality agent, suggest improvements to existing documents
  - Leverage Q-Pilot for guidance on how to update document content based on new ISO 9001-2026 requirements
- Collect reviews, approvals by process/department responsible
  - Initiate automated approval process for each published document
- Collect training awareness from targeted collaborators (refer to 4)
- Verify documents are published
  - Verify new published documents and PDF conversion

## 4 Refreshing awareness and training

If new requirements call for renewed awareness, **BPA Training Management** allows teams efficiently manage and track document training related activities.

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With **BPA** you can

- Create ISO 9001-2026 awareness training
  - Prepare awareness training document and add in controlled documents (refer to 3)
- Collect document training awareness from selected collaborators
  - Let automated workflow collect training awareness for new/updated documents to comply with ISO 9001-2026
  - Optionally create a quiz with MS Form
  - Leverage Q-Pilot, BPA's AI-powered quality agent, to create training questionnaire and collect collaborator awareness
- Rate skills/competencies needed to comply with ISO 9001-2026
  - Create needed skills in register
  - Trigger automation to collect skill assessments from collaborators
  - Supervisors can approve skill ratings
- Closely follow-up with trainees that need more assistance
  - Document training Power BI
  - Skill matrixes in Power BI

## 5 Reinforcing modern risk-based thinking

**BPA Risk Management** allows organizations to revisit and improve how risks and opportunities are identified, assessed and addressed within planning activities.

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With **BPA** you can

- Create risks for not complying with ISO 9001-2026
  - Add risks/opportunities in risk register
  - Periodically assess risks with their impact and probability factors
  - Mitigate risks with documented controls (refer to 3) and corrective actions
- Monitor risk performance
  - BI dashboard

## 6 Strengthening sustainability and environmental considerations

**BPA's sustainability** tools support environmental influence analysis and responsible business practices.

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With **BPA** you can

→ Introduce sustainability module

- Configure sustainability module with help of BPA
- Import master data (emission and sustainability factors)
- Update conversion factors
- Optionally add automation to collect sustainability values periodically

→ Monitor sustainability

- Power BI dashboard to monitor emissions by scope

# Moving forward with confidence

The upcoming ISO 9001:2026 revision reflects the realities of modern organizations. It emphasizes digital readiness, environmental responsibility, ethical behaviour, risk intelligence and stakeholder value. By using BPA's integrated quality management platform with Microsoft 365 collaboration tools, organizations can transition smoothly and turn this change into an opportunity for growth and resilience.

# Want to know more?

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