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Comparative Analysis

ISO 9001:2026 vs ISO 9001:2015 — Transition Guidelines

Preview — showing 3 of 91 clauses from the full Comparative Analysis, selected to illustrate the most significant changes introduced in ISO 9001:2026.

Important!	Highlights the specific differences which draw the attention of ISO and IAF (International Accreditation Forum)
[Text]	Recommendations and guidelines for transition from ISO 9001:2015 to the ISO 9001:2026 requirements
‘[Text]’	Text quoted (or closely paraphrased) from ISO 9001:2026
NEW – 2026	Marks a clause, sub-clause or requirement that has no direct antecedent in ISO 9001:2015 — i.e. it is wholly new in the 2026 edition

Note: color coding is used throughout the document to distinguish standard text, transition guidance, and requirements new to the 2026 edition — see the key below.

Clauses of ISO 9001:2026	Corresponding Clauses of ISO 9001:2015	Content of changes Transition Guidelines
6.1 Actions to address risks and opportunities	6.1 Actions to address risks and opportunities	Important! Clause 6.1 is restructured from two sub-clauses (6.1.1 general/6.1.2 actions) into three: 6.1.1 Determining risks and opportunities, 6.1.2 Actions regarding risks, and 6.1.3 Actions regarding opportunities (new — see below). Risks and opportunities, previously planned and evaluated together throughout 6.1, are now addressed through two parallel but separately-worded sub-clauses. Restructure the ‘Actions to address risks and opportunities’ QSP to mirror the new three-part clause structure, treating risk-actions and opportunity-actions as distinct (if parallel) activities.
NEW – 2026 6.1.3 Actions regarding opportunities	—	NEW – 2026 This is an entirely new sub-clause, with no direct antecedent in ISO 9001:2015 (opportunities were previously folded into the general 6.1.1/6.1.2 wording and only illustrated in a non-mandatory note). It requires the organization to ‘determine, analyse and evaluate opportunities that could have a desired effect on its ability to consistently and reliably provide relevant products and services, and to enhance customer satisfaction.’ Develop a distinct ‘opportunities’ workflow alongside risk management — e.g. a standing agenda item in Management Review or strategy planning to capture, evaluate and act on opportunities, separate from the risk register, with its own evidence trail.

Clauses of ISO 9001:2026	Corresponding Clauses of ISO 9001:2015	Content of changes Transition Guidelines
10.1 Continual improvement	10.1 General / 10.3 Continual improvement	Important! Clause 10 is reduced from three sub-clauses to two. The 2015 clause 10.1 ‘General’ (determine and select opportunities for improvement) and clause 10.3 ‘Continual improvement’ (continually improve the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the QMS) are merged into a single new 10.1, retitled ‘Continual improvement’. Clause 10.3 no longer exists as a separate sub-clause in the 2026 edition. Merge the ‘General’ and ‘Continual Improvement’ references in the QM/Improvement procedure into a single Section 10.1, and update any cross-references that pointed to the old clause 10.3, which is now renumbered/removed.

[End of preview. The remaining 88 clauses — covering the Introduction, Scope, Context of the Organization, Leadership, Planning, Support, Operation, Performance Evaluation, and Improvement — are included in the full document, each mapped and color-coded the same way, with practical transition guidance for every clause. Visit the product page to purchase the complete Comparative Analysis.]

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