

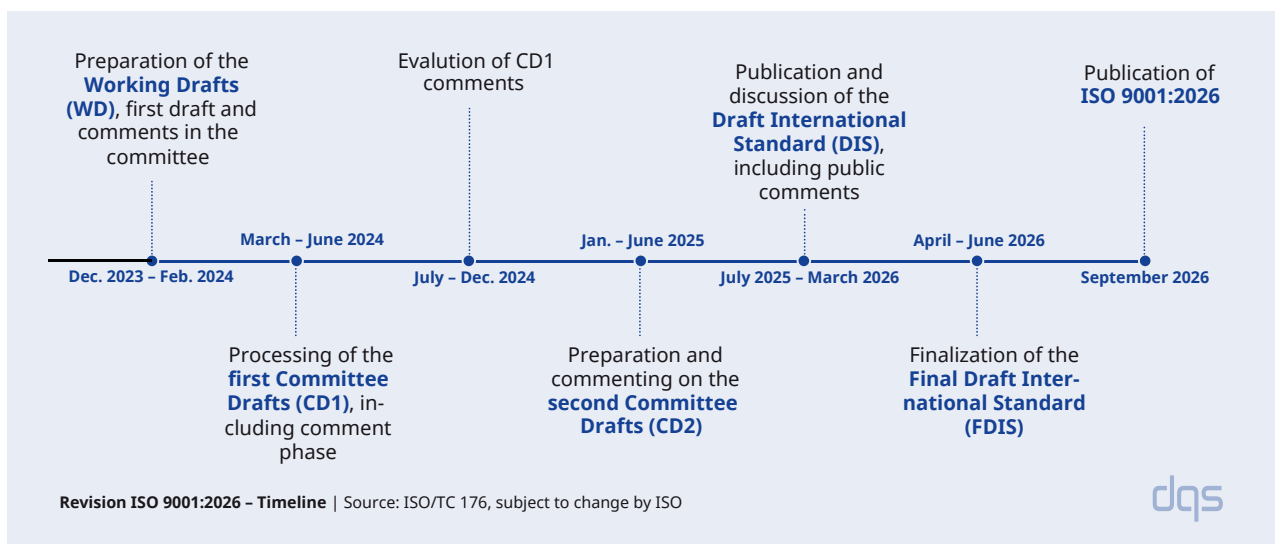


# Transition Plan for the ISO 9001 Revision

## Why Early Preparation Is Advisable

The planned ISO 9001:2026 is not a radical overhaul but rather a quiet revision – subtle, yet marked by a clearer conceptual focus. It represents a careful further development of the established quality management standard. Even so, the published Draft International Standard (ISO/DIS) already indicates that changes are emerging – particularly in areas that are increasingly essential for many organizations.

Key topics include resilience, sustainability, quality culture, digital transformation, and a more firmly embedded opportunity-oriented approach. The context of the organization will need to be reassessed once again. Organizations that address these aspects early – whether by strengthening leadership, validating digital processes, or systematically enhancing organizational resilience – will reduce the need for later adjustments and position themselves on a solid footing for the future.



It can also be expected that – similar to previous revisions – a three-year transition period will apply. **Certificates issued according to ISO 9001:2015 would therefore lose their validity in autumn 2029.** Early preparation thus not only provides stability throughout the transition, but also creates an opportunity to further develop the organization’s management system in a targeted manner.

DQS supports you throughout this process with expertise and experience. Our auditors combine technical competence with practical industry knowledge – ensuring a certification process that goes beyond formal conformity and highlights potential areas for improvement.

## What You Can Already Do Today:



**Monitor the development of the standard** and follow official publications as well as information from relevant technical committees.

**Stay informed** about current discussions, interpretations, and potential changes related to the revision through the updates provided on our website.

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**Strengthen system-relevant topics**, such as your performance indicator structure, your processes for assessing opportunities and risks, or your handling of external requirements.

**Review and refine your strategic orientation**, particularly with regard to quality culture, value-based conduct, and ethical behaviour.

**Ensure appropriate training and awareness** among all individuals who influence the effectiveness of your quality management system, especially your internal auditors.

**Avoid unnecessary time pressure** and approach the transition as a structured project supported by an implementation plan.

**Strengthen your competitiveness** by anticipating future requirements at an early stage. Coordinate all necessary steps for the transition with your customer representative or auditor.

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**Position your organization as proactive and forward-looking** – towards customers, partners, and authorities.

### Conclusion:

Even though the final text of the revised ISO 9001 will not be available until autumn 2026, one thing is clear: waiting means missing opportunities. Those who start preparing now will not only ensure a smoother transition, but will also benefit earlier from the further developments within the standard.

