ISO 9001:2015 Audit Preparation Guide

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This guide is designed to help organizations prepare effectively for an ISO 9001:2015 certification audit. Proper preparation can lead to a smoother audit experience and a stronger demonstration of your organization's commitment to quality.



BEFORE the Audit:

- Review the ISO 9001:2015 standard and ensure your QMS aligns with its requirements.
- Conduct a full internal audit and resolve any nonconformities.
- Hold a management review meeting and document the results.
- Ensure all relevant documentation is up to date and accessible, including:
 - ✓ Quality Manual
 - ✓ Documented Procedures
 - ✓ Records (e.g., training, calibration, internal audits)
- Communicate audit dates and expectations with key staff.

DURING the Audit:

- Ensure key personnel are available for interviews and walkthroughs.
- Provide auditors with requested documents and access to relevant areas.
- Answer questions clearly and honestly; provide objective evidence when requested.
- Maintain a professional and cooperative tone throughout the audit process.

AFTER the Audit:

- Review the audit findings report provided by B&R Certification.
- If nonconformities are identified, begin corrective actions promptly.
- Submit evidence of corrections and improvements as requested.
- Celebrate your team's efforts and use feedback to drive continual improvement

Tips for Success:

- Be organized and proactive-last-minute preparation is rarely effective.
- Train your team to understand their roles in the QMS.
- Treat the audit as a learning opportunity, not just an inspection.