



A CUBE TIC LIMITED

ISO 14001:2026 - Transition Guide including the existing clients and prospective clients

ISO 14001:2026 has been published by the International Organization for Standardization. A Cube TIC Ltd is prepared to assist its existing and prospective clients through the three-year transition period ending on 30 April 2029. From that date, all ISO 14001:2015 certificates — including those issued by A Cube TIC Ltd — will no longer be valid.

What Has Changed?

The 2026 edition is a ‘light’ revision of the 2015 edition. It preserves the overall structure and intent of the standard whilst introducing the following key changes:

- A new normative Clause 6.3 — Planning and Managing of Changes — requiring organisations to plan and manage changes to the EMS in a controlled manner.
- An explicit requirement in Clause 4.1 to consider broader environmental conditions: pollution, natural-resource availability, climate change, biodiversity and ecosystem state (building on the ISO 14001:2015/Amd 1:2024 climate-action amendment).
- A strengthened life-cycle perspective, now considered during scope determination (Clause 4.3) as well as when identifying environmental aspects (Clause 6.1.2).
- An expanded supply-chain reach for operational controls — ‘externally provided processes, products and services’ replaces ‘outsourced processes’ at Clause 8.1.
- A new express requirement at Clause 9.2 that each internal audit has defined objective(s).
- Restructuring of Clause 9.3 Management Review into General / Inputs / Results sub-clauses, and integration of Clause 10.1 content into 10.2 and 10.3.
- Harmonised terminology throughout — for example: ‘fulfil’ → ‘meet’; ‘outsourced’ → ‘externally provided’.

Key Dates

Milestone	What Happens	Indicative Date
Standard Published	ISO 14001:2026 released by ISO.	April 2026
A Cube TIC Transition Decision	A Cube TIC accredited by UKAS to issue certificates to ISO 14001:2026.	From April 2027
Last Date to Apply Under ISO 14001:2015	A Cube TIC will no longer accept new applications for certification to ISO 14001:2015. All new enquiries will be quoted and contracted against ISO 14001:2026.	30 October 2027
End of Transition Period	All ISO 14001:2015 certificates — regardless of issuing body — cease to be valid. Certificates not transitioned by this date will be withdrawn.	30 April 2029

IMPORTANT NOTICE — MANDATORY TRANSITION DEADLINE

All organisations currently certified to ISO 14001:2015 by A Cube TIC must transition to the new standard before 30 April 2029. This is a mandatory global deadline set by the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) and applies universally — it cannot be extended, and no exceptions are permitted.

Regardless of the expiry date shown on your existing certificate, it will cease to be a valid accredited certification on 30 April 2029 unless you have successfully transitioned to ISO 14001:2026 and A Cube TIC Limited has issued a new certificate accordingly.



What This Means for Your Certificate

If your current certificate shows an expiry date beyond 30 April 2029 - for example, June 2030 - it will still become invalid on 30 April 2029 unless you have successfully transitioned to ISO 14001:2026 and A Cube TIC Limited has issued a replacement certificate.

What Should You Do?

If You Are a Current A Cube TIC Certified Client

- Expect a direct notification from your A Cube TIC office within twelve months of publication of ISO 14001:2026.
- Begin a gap analysis against your current EMS without delay.
- Plan the transition audit to take place alongside your next surveillance or recertification audit, whichever falls first. A standalone transition audit can also be arranged where preferred.

If You Are a Prospective Client

- New applications received after 30 October 2027 will be quoted against ISO 14001:2026 only.
- Contact your local A Cube TIC office for a current quotation.

Transition Process

Based on the three-year transition timeline ending 30 April 2029, A Cube TIC Limited has developed the following transition process for organisations currently certified to ISO 14001:2015:

- Transitions may be conducted at the time of a scheduled surveillance audit, recertification audit, or as a standalone special transition audit.
- Additional mandatory audit time may be required based on the risk of your profile to allow a full and effective assessment against the requirements of ISO 14001:2026.
- Once the transition is successfully completed, A Cube TIC Limited will issue a new certificate to ISO 14001:2026.

Transition Man-Days Calculation

Transition from ISO 14001:2015 to ISO 14001:2026 may be assessed during a routine surveillance audit, recertification audit, or a special standalone transition audit. The actual additional time is determined on a case-by-case basis, with justification recorded. Factors that normally require additional time include:

- Multi-country applications.
- Multi-site applications.
- High-complexity EMS scope or sector-specific risks.

A new certificate to ISO 14001:2026 will be issued once it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that the client has fully met the requirements of the revised standard. All major nonconformities must be formally closed, and corrective actions for minor nonconformities accepted by A Cube TIC Limited, before the certificate is issued.

Note: To discuss your specific transition audit plan and scheduling, please contact your A Cube TIC Limited local office.

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