

STANDARDS & COMPLIANCE

FOR QUALITY PROFESSIONALS



ACHIEVE CONSISTENCY, ENSURE EXCELLENCE, AND BUILD TRUST THROUGH STANDARDS!

Standards are documented agreements containing technical specifications or criteria to ensure materials, products, processes, and services are fit for their purpose.

Compliance means conforming to these standards—whether voluntary (like ISO 9001) or mandatory (like regulatory requirements)—to ensure quality, safety, efficiency, and trust across industries. For quality professionals, mastering standards and compliance is essential to building robust system

6 STEPS TO BUILD A CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE

1. **Understand the Requirements:** Study applicable standards such as ISO 9001, IATF 16949, ISO 13485, and customer-specific requirements using official documents, gap assessments, and clause breakdowns.
2. **Engage Leadership and Stakeholders:** Use Quality Policy alignment, Management Review inputs, and strategic goals to ensure commitment and resourcing.
3. **Define & Document the System:** Create or revise your Quality Management System (QMS) to align with standard clauses using documented procedures, process maps, and internal controls.
4. **Train & Communicate:** Educate employees on what compliance means for their roles using awareness training, SOPs, and job-specific requirements
5. **Monitor & Audit:** Use internal audits, gap assessments, and process performance metrics to verify adherence and readiness.
6. **Continually Improve:** Apply CAPA (Corrective and Preventive Action), Management Reviews, and updates to documentation in response to audit findings or changes in standards.



KEEP STANDARDS HIGH
AND ERRORS LOW

5 WAYS TO LEARN MORE!

1. Check out our [Learn About Quality Standards page](#) for summaries of quality standards like ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and many others.
2. Enjoy these great articles:
 - o [Quality Through Standards: A Solid Strategy for Successfully Implementing ISO 9001](#)
 - o [Reduce the Risk of Noncompliance with ISO 37301 – Compliance Management Systems](#)
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