



QUALITY, ISO STANDARDS AND AUDITING

ISO 9001 Lead Auditor Practice

5 day course

Classroom, online or in-house

Course overview

An external audit that runs out of time on day two, or ends with findings the auditee can argue away, usually failed in planning. Delegates here practise leading second and third party audits of quality systems against ISO 9001, using the guidance of ISO 19011 and the impartiality and competence principles behind ISO/IEC 17021. They work through audit programme risk, scope and sampling, then team selection and the audit plan, the opening meeting, evidence gathering across sites and shifts, grading nonconformities so they stand up, and the closing meeting. Report writing, follow up of corrective action and handling disputed findings complete the sequence. This is practice based training, not a registered lead auditor course, and it carries no award from any external scheme. Delegates leave able to lead a supplier or third party audit team and defend every finding they raise.

What you will learn

- Plan an audit programme and an individual audit on the basis of risk and scope
- Apply ISO 19011 principles to second and third party audits
- Explain the impartiality and competence expectations set out in ISO/IEC 17021
- Lead an audit team, allocating clauses, sites and interviews
- Gather and verify objective evidence through interview, observation and record sampling
- Grade nonconformities as major or minor and write statements that withstand challenge
- Conduct opening and closing meetings with senior management
- Evaluate corrective action plans and decide on the follow up needed

Who should attend

- Quality managers responsible for auditing suppliers
- Supplier development engineers
- Consultants conducting independent audits for clients
- Experienced internal auditors moving into external audit roles
- Procurement and contract managers responsible for vendor approval

Course outline

- 01 Audit principles in ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021
- 02 Audit programme management and risk
- 03 Scoping, sampling and the audit plan
- 04 Building and briefing the audit team
- 05 Opening meeting and conduct on site
- 06 Evidence gathering by interview, observation and records
- 07 Writing and grading nonconformities
- 08 Closing meeting and the audit report
- 09 Corrective action follow up and disputed findings

Upcoming dates



Dates	Venue	Format	Fee per delegate
30 November to 4 December 2026	Cape Town, South Africa	Classroom	R19,950
18 to 22 January 2027	Online	Online	R8,500
1 to 5 February 2027	Durban, South Africa	Classroom	R19,950
15 to 19 February 2027	Gaborone, Botswana	Classroom	R19,950

Fees and how to register

This 5 day course is **R8,500** per delegate online, **R19,950** in the classroom in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini, and **USD 1,325** in the classroom elsewhere in Africa. In-house training is quotation on request. Book 2 or more delegates on this course and save 10%.

To register or request an in-house proposal, visit www.afrisciencegroup.com, email info@afriScience.co.za, or WhatsApp us on **+27 63 479 1136**.

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