

CERTIND POLICY ON TRANSITION FROM ISO 9001:2015 TO ISO 9001:2026

In September 2026, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published the standard ISO 9001:2026 – Quality management systems — Requirements.

Certified organizations against ISO 9001:2015 have a period of 3 years (until September 30, 2029) to transition to ISO 9001:2026.

Pending accreditation to the new edition of the ISO 9001 standard, CERTIND will continue to conduct initial certification/ surveillance/ recertification audits for quality management systems in accordance with ISO 9001:2015; the transition to ISO 9001:2026 for certified clients will take place during the current certification cycle, following the accreditation body's decision to transition our accreditation (after September 30, 2027).

Starting March 31, 2028, CERTIND will no longer accept applications for initial certification or issue certificates of conformity in accordance with ISO 9001:2015.

Methods of carrying out the transition

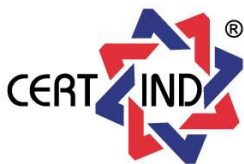
Transition to the new version of the standard may be carried out, by mutual agreement with the certified organization, in the following ways:

1. During scheduled surveillance or recertification audits. Additional audit time may be needed to evaluate how the organization has implemented the changes introduced by ISO 9001:2026. The additional time will be determined for each organization individually, based on the degree of change to the client's management system, and will be communicated to the client prior to the scheduled surveillance or recertification audit.
2. Through a separate special audit at the request of the certified client based on an addendum to the certification contract.

In both cases, the decision to grant certification in accordance with ISO 9001:2026 is made only after the actions taken to resolve the identified major non-conformities have been analyzed, accepted, and verified, and the client's corrective action plan for the identified minor non-conformities has been accepted by the audit team.

Following the assessments confirming the transition to ISO 9001:2026, CERTIND will issue a new certificate of conformity.

If the transition takes place during surveillance audits, the expiration date of the current certification cycle will be maintained.



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Upon transitioning to recertification, the certifications will be valid for 3 years from the date of issuance.

CERTIND encourages organizations that have a management system implemented in accordance with ISO 9001:2015 to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the 2026 version of the standard and initiate the transition process; we also advise organizations intending to implement a quality management system in the future to use ISO 9001:2026 as a reference document.

For any information regarding the transition process outlined in this policy, you may contact us via email at office@certind.ro.

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