

Competency-Based Certification Requirements

Quality Management Systems (QMS)

The competency-based [Quality Management System \(QMS\) auditor certification program](#) has been developed by Exemplar Global in liaison with industry representatives. The program provides international recognition for auditors who conduct management system audits using national or international management system standards, or other management system standards and normative and industry references that are recognized by Exemplar Global. [Please refer to the Exemplar Global Personnel Certification Guide for full details.](#)

Grade	Designed For	Training	Work Experience	Audit Experience	Personal Attributes
Provisional Auditor*	Those who attended an auditor course but have no audit experience.	Exemplar Global ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Auditor course	N/A	N/A	Auditor Work Style Assessment
Auditor	Auditors who audit as a member of an audit team.	Exemplar Global ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Auditor course	Four years of full-time work experience, plus two years of QMS industry experience.	Skill examination in the role of Auditor during a QMS conformity audit	Auditor Work Style Assessment
Principal Auditor	Auditors who audit as a sole auditor.	Exemplar Global ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Auditor course	Four years of full-time work experience, plus two years of QMS industry experience.	Skill examination in the role of Principal Auditor during a QMS conformity audit	Auditor Work Style Assessment
Lead Auditor	Auditors who lead audits and audit teams.	Exemplar Global ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Lead Auditor course	Four years of full-time work experience, plus two years of QMS industry experience.	Skill examination in the role of Lead Auditor during a QMS conformity audit	Lead Auditor Work Style Assessment
Master Auditor	Experienced auditors with at least twelve years of lead auditor experience.	Exemplar Global ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Lead Auditor course	Twelve years of full-time work experience, plus twelve years of QMS industry experience.	Same as Lead Auditor plus twelve years or more of continuous certification as a Lead Auditor.	Lead Auditor Work Style Assessment

*Provisional Auditor grade may only be held for a maximum of one four-year certification cycle.

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Scopes of certification

1. ISO 9001:2015	2. ISO 17025:2005	3. ISO 17025:2017	4. ISO 13485:2003	5. ISO 13485:2016	7. ISO 20000:2011	8. ScyMS
10 audit days	10 audit days	10 audit days	10 audit days	10 audit days	10 audit days	10 audit days

Skill Examination Arrangements

For competency-based certification programs applicants are required to make the arrangements for their skill examination. Skill Examiners can be located on the [Exemplar Global Search Register](#)

Conflict of Interest

Any actual or potential conflict of interest must be declared / referred to an Exemplar Global examiner prior to conducting the examination. Exemplar Global will decide and advise on conflict of interest prior to the skill examination. Refer to the Exemplar Global [impartiality and conflict of interest](#) guidelines.

Resources

Download Exemplar Global [Code of Conduct](#)

Download Exemplar Global [Management Systems Skill Examination report](#)

Download Exemplar Global [Personnel Certification guide](#)