

The Internationally Recognised Standard for OccupationalHealth & Safety



# **OHSAS 18001**

## THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED STANDARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT

OHSAS 18001 was developed following a large industry demand for a recognisable health & safety system that follows established best practices and protocols. Having an effective occupational health & safety management system will help turn hazards into controlled risks to create the best possible working conditions across your organisation.

Implementation involves establishing a robust framework to put in place the procedures, policies and controls needed to keep your staff and business safe. Controlling and managing risks will reduce workplace accidents and employee illness, thereby reducing associated costs and downtime.

OHSAS18001 compliance will demonstrate your organisation's commitment to safety and reassure clients and stakeholders, and can be an advantage when tendering. The standard will also ensure your organisation meets all legal requirements to help you stay within the law, minimise the risk of costly liability claims and reduce insurance premiums.

A new ISO standard for an occupational health and safety management system is being developed. ISO45001 is envisaged to replace OHSAS 18001 when it is published in late 2016



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION?

OHSAS 18001 offers an effective, structured approach to identifying and managing potential hazards and risks in the workplace by assessing the results of risk assessment, audits, inspections, legal reviews and incident investigations and turning them into action plans.

As well as being a competitive advantage, demonstrating OHSAS 18001 compliance can directly improve your organisation's reputation and boost staff morale. Minimizing the risk of occupational health problems and accidents will help reduce employee absenteeism, which will increase productivity and have a positive impact on your bottom line.

In addition, OHSAS 18001 follows the same structure as other management system standards, which enables you to develop a single management system that incorporates the requirements of standards such as ISO14001 and ISO9001.



#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Our consultants are qualified lead assessors who offer auditor training and hold extensive experience in auditing. We offer remote auditing services for companies who require minimum disruption and want to reduce the costs of implementation. We will also provide you with our innovative app, which explains each clause of the standard and offers helpful guidance to assist with implementation. Our consultants are available for any on-site support you may require and will see you through the entire process, from implementation to certification and beyond to ensure you continue working to OHSAS 18001 standards.

#### WHAT DOES OHSAS 18001 COVER?

To achieve OHSAS 18001 accreditation, organisations need to demonstrate a proactive approach to managing the health of their workforce as well as its safety, and includes clear communication and involvement throughout the organisation as well as an ongoing commitment to continually improve the system and strive for a zero-accident rate.

You need to be able to provide evidence of best management practice, including health and safety performance, and a commitment to continuous training and development for all staff. The standard demands that any employee performing tasks that may impact on health & safety must be competent, and organisations will be required to provide evidence of awarded competency, training or education to support this.

Our experienced consultants will help you scope out the requirements of the standard and how they apply to you, as well as provide guidance and support to prepare you for certification.

#### WHY NDC GLOBAL AUDITORS?

We specialise in hazardous industry compliance and hold extensive expertise in the electronics, aircraft, food, automotive, metal, engineering, petrochemical and power industries – where processes are likely to be particularly hazardous, risks are potentially at their greatest, and where effective management systems are essential

Our team of qualified lead assessors are experienced in auditing to standards in a number of industry sectors and their supply chains. We can support company audit programmes at all levels from internal and system audits, to international and industry specifications and assessment, as well as providing the necessary follow-up consultancy support to facilitate continued improvement.

We are also a member of the LROA consultant network and an IOSH approved training provider.



#### THE STEPS TO ACCREDITATION

We can get you started on your quality management journey and complete it in 4 simple steps –

- 1. **Preparation.** Our app and advisors will guide you through the requirements and provide advice on what needs improvement.
- 2. **Implementation.** Together with your staff, we will find the best way for your business to implement an effective system and processes.
- 3. **Certification.** An independent auditor will come in and assess your business to the requirements of the standard for successful certification.
- 4. **Follow-up.** As part of our ongoing support, we will ensure you continue to work to OHSAS 18001 standards to maintain your accreditation.

Our experienced team of consultants will guide you through the entire process, from start to finish, with the level of support you require.

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