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ISO 27001 Beginners Guide

Whether ISO 27001 is completely new to you, or you are looking to dive deeper into the world of information security management, this guide is your starting point.

Discover what ISO 27001 is all about, how it can strengthen your organisation, and the steps you can take to achieve certification with confidence.

What is ISO 27001?

ISO/IEC 27001:2022, also known as ISO 27001, is an international standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) that focuses on Information Security Management. It provides a framework to help organisations manage information security risks and protect data effectively.

The ISO 27001 standard supports organisations in establishing and maintaining an effective Information Security Management System (ISMS), following a continual improvement approach. It involves systematically assessing risks to information security and putting in place policies and procedures to manage and reduce those risks.





What is an ISMS?

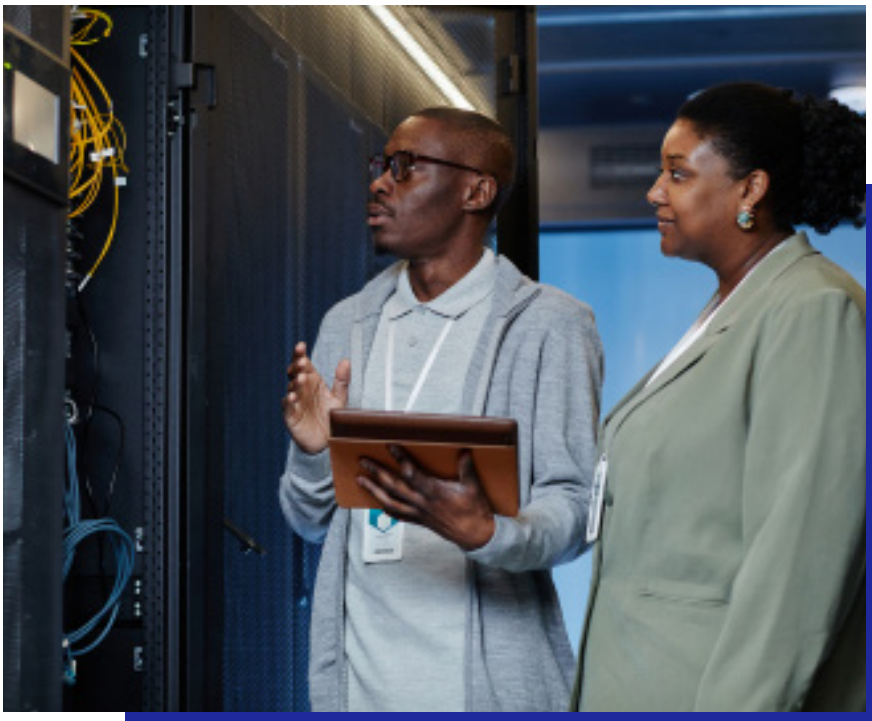
An Information Security Management System (ISMS) is a set of processes that helps your organisation manage sensitive information in a secure and consistent way. It supports your team in handling data properly, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

Having an ISMS in place ensures clear steps for responding to and recovering from issues swiftly. It includes policies and procedures for handling incidents, risk management to identify and mitigate threats, and compliance with legal requirements. Additionally, an ISMS facilitates a review of incidents to implement improvements, reducing the likelihood of recurrence.

> “ISO 27001 certification clearly demonstrates CR2’s commitment to information security and that our organisation and management system consistently deliver to internationally recognised standards. Amtivo, formerly Certification Europe, accompanied us throughout our journey to certification and they are a valued partner who have provided support and training in addition to impartial and professionally conducted assessments.”

Barry Quirke
Business Process and Compliance Manager
CR2 Limited

Why Do You Need **ISO 27001?**



Cyber attacks in Ireland have been increasing at an average rate of 30% since 2020

Why It Matters

Every organisation handles sensitive data, and protecting it is essential. Cyber threats can affect anyone, and in Ireland, the Data Protection Commission (DPC) enforces strict GDPR rules.

Taking Control

ISO 27001 provides a clear framework to manage risks and safeguard information. It supports a proactive approach, helping you put the right systems and policies in place before issues arise.

The Advantage

ISO 27001 demonstrates a commitment to protecting customer data, which can reassure customers that their information is handled responsibly.

What Are The Benefits of **Achieving ISO 27001?**



Stronger data protection

ISO 27001 helps you put effective controls in place to protect sensitive information. This reduces the risk of data breaches, leaks, and loss.



International recognition

ISO 27001 is recognised around the world, making it easier to work with clients and partners in other countries.



Demonstrate compliance

It supports compliance with laws like the GDPR by showing that your data handling practices are responsible and well managed.



Win new business

ISO 27001 certification can help you win new business, especially with the public sector or large organisations that often require it.

Find out more about the benefits of ISO 27001 by **visiting our website**.

How Do You Achieve **ISO 27001?**

Achieving certification is about showing that you have the right processes in place for an Information Security Management System (ISMS) that meets ISO 27001 standards. Part of the process involves sharing some simple documented evidence with your auditor to show how your ISMS works day to day.

These documents can include:

- Scope of your ISMS
- Information security policy
- Statement of applicability
- Risk treatment plan
- Inventory of assets
- Access control policy
- Operating procedures for IT
- And more



If that seems like a daunting list, don't worry - most organisations are surprised at how much they already have in place.

You do not need to have all of your documentation ready before you apply for ISO 27001. Our certification process will help identify any gaps and show you what still needs to be put in place in order to achieve your certification.

Learn more about other businesses' journey to ISO 27001 certification.

"When it comes to Amtivo, formerly Certification Europe, I can confidently say they delivered exactly what they committed to. They fulfilled their promises, and this level of reliability is commendable. As a company, we worked incredibly hard to create a high standard Information Security Management System for our Head Office. Because of the work with Amtivo and the confidence their team have given our team at Pogust Goodhead, we look forward to rolling this standard out globally.

We would be confident in recommending Amtivo's services to any potential client considering ISO Certification."

Chris Porton
Chief Information Security Officer
Pogust Goodhead

Common
ISO 27001 Questions

Whether you're just starting your ISO 27001 journey or preparing for an audit, it's normal to have questions. This section answers some of the most common queries to help you feel more confident and informed about what the standard involves and how the certification process works.

How long does ISO 27001 certification last?

Your ISO 27001 certification is valid for three years. To keep it active, you will take part in annual assessments where we check that your ISMS still meets the standard and continues to improve.

Each year, our auditors will review the same key areas as in your original assessment, along with any updates or changes to your ISMS.

At the end of the three years, you will go through a recertification to renew your ISO 27001 status and confirm that your certification remains up to date and fully maintained.

How much does ISO 27001 certification cost and how long does it take?

The cost of ISO 27001 certification depends on how long your audit takes, based on factors like staff numbers, industry, complexity, and number of sites. Smaller businesses may need just a few days, while larger or multi-site organisations may take longer.

You can reduce costs if some sites carry out the same activities, as auditors can rotate visits over the three-year cycle. Smaller organisations may also save money by managing the process in-house, although this will still require time and resources.

Be mindful of extra costs such as travel or management fees. Some certification bodies may also offer low quotes with long contracts. If internal resources are limited, external support can help, but it is important to assess the value and flexibility offered.

How do I choose an ISO 27001 certification body?

Choosing the right certification body not only helps you achieve ISO 27001 more smoothly, but also strengthens your credibility with customers and prospects.

Certification from a INAB-accredited provider, such as Amtivo, shows that your ISMS meets the highest standards. These providers are independently assessed for competence, making your certification more trusted than non-accredited or self-certified alternatives.

Why Choose **Amtivo?**

Our philosophy

At Amtivo, our brand philosophy is rooted in integrity, authenticity, collaboration, agility, and precision. We value honesty, and aim to provide a clear and transparent path to certification for our customers. By fostering a supportive environment, we enable collective success and proactively seek opportunities for innovation and improvement. Our commitment to delivering outstanding customer service and demystifying the certification process supports our aim to deliver excellence in every aspect of our work.

Why you should choose us

As part of the Amtivo group, we have access to global resources and expertise to help businesses excel. Our auditors are trained to the highest standards, and we invest in the latest technologies to help our clients and our employees to work effectively and efficiently.

Globally recognised certification
We are accredited by INAB, the Irish National Accreditation Board, which means our certification services meet rigorous international standards. Your certificate carries weight and credibility, both in Ireland and abroad.

Customer experience that sets us apart
We put your experience at the heart of everything we do. With a friendly, responsive team and a genuine focus on improvement, we aim to make your certification journey smooth and positive from start to finish.

Clear, fixed pricing
We believe in transparent pricing with no hidden costs. All Ireland-based audits are charged at a fixed rate with expenses included, so you always know where you stand. For overseas work, any additional costs are agreed in advance.

Support when you need it
Our dedicated helpdesk is available by phone and email, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.



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