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Changing the way organisations administer quality management systems

- Australia and New Zealand adopt ISO 9000 and ISO 9001 on quality management systems
- New version addresses risk based thinking more prominently
- Australian and New Zealand stakeholders provided substantial input to the development of the international standards

In September 2015 [ISO published updated editions](#) of ISO 9000 and ISO 9001 for quality management systems. Australia and New Zealand have now officially adopted these standards for national use, adding AS/NZS ISO 9000:2016, *Quality management systems – Fundamentals and vocabulary* and AS/NZS ISO 9001:2016, *Quality management systems – Requirements* to the library.

These standards are designed for use by organisations of all sizes. AS/NZS ISO 9001:2016 sets out the overall requirements for establishing a quality management system. Unlike the other standards in the ISO 9000 family, organisations can be certified to AS/NZS ISO 9001. In contrast, AS/NZS ISO 9000:2016 covers the fundamental concepts and language for an organisation's management system.

"This is the fifth revision of ISO 9001 and perhaps the most important as it places more emphasis on developing a management system around the organisation's processes. The International Accreditation Forum has allowed a three year period for organisations to transition to the requirements of the revised standard. Many organisations will need this time as they change from clause based quality systems to process based systems as required by the revised standard," explained Dr Darryl Yaniuk, Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Technical Committee QR-008, *Quality Systems*.

"The revision also explicitly includes the concept of risk based thinking, a concept that has been implicit in previous versions of the standard."

The joint Australian and New Zealand Technical Committee QR-008 managed the Australian adoption and also participated extensively in the development of these versions at the international level.

Members of QR-008 attended meetings of the ISO working group preparing the standard and provided significant comments on the committee drafts and the draft international standard.

"It is commendable to see the active involvement of Australian committee members in the development of these globally recognised standards at the ISO level," shared Standards Australia CEO, Dr Bronwyn Evans.

Discover more on the [ISO 9000 webpage](#) or by watching this [ISO video](#).

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