



# Moving towards ISO45001

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The document series ‘Moving towards ISO45001’ has been established by Karza Pty Ltd to assist our internal consultants in considering potential change when developing clients’ long-term integrated management system plans.

## **Welcome to the future international standard for occupational health and safety management systems - ISO/NP 45001**

Currently, BS OHSAS 18001:2007 “*Occupational health and safety management systems. Requirements*”, published by the British Standards Institution (BSI), is considered the internationally accepted standard for occupational health and safety management systems. However, ISO/IEC TR 18001:2004 “*Information technology - Radio frequency identification for item management - Application requirements profiles*”, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), means the 18001 series was not available. Sadly, confusion already exists around the 18001 identifier, as a number of organisations falsely reference (directly and indirectly) this BSI standard as an ISO standard.

In Australia and New Zealand, organisations have more often used AS/NZS 4801:2001 “*Occupational health and safety management systems - Specification with guidance for use*” published by Standards Australia. However ISO 4801:1979 “*Glass alcoholometers and alcohol hydrometers not incorporating a thermometer*”, published by the ISO, resulted in this ISO standard number also being unavailable.

At a meeting of the ISO Meeting Project Committee (PC) 283, held in London on the 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, a positive vote on a new work proposal for the development of an ISO occupational health and safety management systems standard (to be known as ISO/NP 45001 “Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements”) resulted in ISO PC 283 Working Group 1 (WG1) being formed.

PC 283 considered the merits of following the ISO’s accelerated two year delivery programme against the default three year schedule. Disappointingly, for the broader international business community, the project committee agreed to follow the three year timeframe. Therefore, based on a three-year development period, the first Committee Draft (CD) should be published around May 2014; the Draft International Standard (DIS) should be published around February 2015; the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) should be published around March 2016; and the full standard should be published by October 2016.

Today, what is clear is the new ISO/NP 45001 “Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements” will be fundamentally based on OHSAS 18001:2007 and should soundly align with the new ISO 9001:2015 “Quality management systems – Requirements” and ISO14001:2015 “Environmental management systems – Requirements”.

The next PC 283 WG1 meeting will take place 24-28 March 2014.

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<a href="#">Moving towards ISO9001:2015 July 2013 update</a>
<a href="#">Moving towards ISO14001:2015 (May 2013 update)</a>
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