Safety Culture Ladder (SCL) 2.0 is here

Everything you need to know

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Answering your frequently asked questions

Q **What is Safety Culture Ladder (SCL)?**

A The Safety Culture Ladder (SCL) is a standard designed to encourage continual improvement in occupational safety awareness and safe working practices within organisations. It provides a certifiable benchmark, which companies can use to assess their current level of progress in implementing effective safety practices.

A new version of the standard, SCL 2.0, was published in September 2023 and audits against the new standard began 1 January 2024.

Q **What's new in SCL 2.0?**

A Several changes can be seen in the new version of the standard, including removing technical or field-based references – which previously made the standard complicated for businesses in certain sectors – more prescriptive descriptions and an improved assessment method and reports. More information can be found on our **website.**

Q **Is there a transition period?**

A From 1 January 2024 audits will begin to take place against the new version of the standards (SCL 2.0) and there will be a one-year transition period for certified clients.

Q **What does this mean for SCL standard users?**

A Organisations with existing SCL 2016 certification will have until January 2025 to transition to the new standard. After 31st December 2024, certificates to SCL 2016 will expire or be withdrawn.

Until 31st December 2024, audits can take place against both the old version (SCL 2016) and the new version (SCL 2.0) of the standard. However, it is recommended that standard users transition to SCL 2.0 earlier than the final cut-off date of 31st December 2024 as certificates to SCL 2016 will expire on the 1st January 2025 and will no longer be valid.
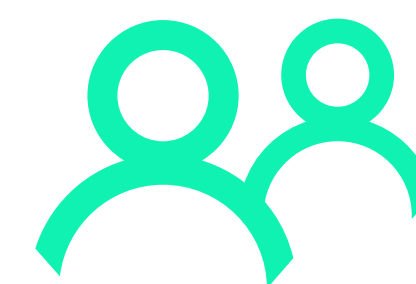
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