

# Smooth roads ahead

## IATF 16949 Gap Analysis

A gap analysis can help you to plan a smooth certification journey by confirming your understanding of the requirements in IATF 16949 and examine how you have introduced these into your current quality management system (QMS).

LRQA can support you with a range of on-site assessment based services to help you and your organisation successfully gain IATF 16949:2016 certification.

Our assessors are industry experts, so your organisation can directly benefit from their experience and insight.

### What is IATF 16949?

Published in 2016, IATF 16949 is a global Quality Management System (QMS) Standard for the automotive industry and is applicable to all manufacturers serving the global automotive supply chain, covering cars, parts, components and systems.

IATF 16949 succeeds the previous ISO/TS 16949:2009 and incorporates the same high-level structure (HLS) and common text of the world's most widely adopted QMS - ISO 9001:2015 - with additional automotive customer-specific requirements.

### Gap analysis at a glance

LRQA's gap analysis service assesses and reports on your management systems' readiness for certification. It focuses on how your management system has addressed, or plans to address the stipulations outlined in IATF 16949.

Based upon the findings, your assessor will advise whether your organisation is 'likely, partially likely or unlikely' to meet the standard requirements.

### Preparing for the gap analysis visit

Before the gap analysis visit you should familiarise yourself with the requirements in IATF 16949, as your assessor will want to determine your understanding of the standard requirements and how these have been implemented into your automotive QMS. This will help them to establish your organisation's readiness for formal certification.

### Do I get a report after the gap analysis?

You will be issued with a report, which will outline the next steps to enable you to plan for a successful certification journey to IATF 16949. The report will clearly identify any 'gaps', especially where the response is 'partial' or 'unlikely', and your assessor will discuss how these gaps may be addressed to demonstrate compliance.\*

\* A certificate is not issued as this is not a full assessment against the standard requirements and does not directly contribute towards IATF 16949 certification.

## How we can help

The automotive industry is changing now at a faster rate than ever before and as a result your business faces new challenges every day.

That's why we go beyond compliance, diving deeper into your business to emerge with meaningful insights and smarter solutions.

Our assessors and trainers are industry experts who work with you to understand what helps your business operate at its optimum level. They create long-lasting value through collaboration, delivering a greater impact on your business, your people and your customers.

The organisations we work with tell us that this is what makes us stand out from our competitors.

## Assurance services

### Certification and assessment

Our certification and assessment services are delivered worldwide in accordance with IATF 16949 requirements. Not only are we accredited by the IATF, but we are one of a limited number of certification bodies with Global Oversight approval thanks to recognition from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

## Training

### Introduction to IATF 16949

This one day course will help you plan for certification to IATF 16949:2016, understand its organisational impact, and learn the importance of operational planning. Available either as a public classroom-based course or in-house.

### IATF 16949 internal auditor

Our two-day internal auditor course will provide you with a detailed understanding of the role and responsibilities of an IATF auditor, covering audit planning, gathering objective evidence and evaluation of audit findings.

This course is delivered either as a public event or in-company. However, under the scheme rules we are prohibited from providing in-house IATF 16949 training to LRQA certified customers.

### IATF 16949 Management Briefing

Learn about the purpose, goals and requirements of the automotive quality management system standard, IATF 16949, in this Virtual Classroom course.

## Why choose LRQA?

We're here to help negotiate a rapidly changing world, by working with you to manage and mitigate the risks you face. From compliance to data-driven supply chain transformation, it's our job to help you shape the future, rather than letting it shape you. We do this by delivering:

### Strategic vision

Our technical know-how, sector expertise and innovative, forward-thinking approach will help you meet the challenges of today – and become a safer, more secure, and sustainable organisation tomorrow.

### Technical expertise

Our people are sector experts. They bring with them a clear understanding of your specific challenges, standards and requirements – then deploy deep knowledge of certification, brand assurance, food safety, cybersecurity, inspection and training to help you meet them.

### Global capability

Operating in more than 120 countries, recognised by over 30 accreditation bodies worldwide, and covering almost every sector, we can help you manage risk, drive improvement and build credibility with stakeholders around the globe.

### Effective partnership

Every business is unique. That's why our experts work with you, to fully understand your needs and goals, and work out how we can best support them.

### Fresh perspective

We have led the way in shaping our industry and continue to take every opportunity to collaborate with clients and pioneer new ideas, services and innovation.

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