

# ISO 50001:2018 Gap Analysis

Energy management for a better planet and more efficient business

An ISO 50001 gap analysis is an assessor delivered activity that enables you to focus on critical, high risk or weak areas of your energy management system (EnMS) prior to your formal assessment or transition visit.

Whether you are in the early stages of implementing your ISO 50001 management system or are looking for a 'dry run', you decide the scope.

## What is a gap analysis?

An LRQA gap analysis assessment examines and reports on your EnMS readiness for assessment to ISO 50001:2018. It focuses on how your management system has addressed or plans to address, the requirements of ISO 50001:2018.

Based upon the findings, your assessor will advise whether your organisation is ready for assessment or indicates areas requiring further attention.

The gap analysis assessment will provide an opportunity for you to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your energy management system or the assessment process.

Our assessors will be open and helpful, and will follow a practical approach. We will add value to your assessment process beyond straightforward compliance.

## What happens during the gap analysis?

During the gap analysis your assessor will ask you about your understanding of the ISO 50001 requirements and how you plan to implement them into your management system, to ensure your compliance.

It is helpful for your assessor to have access to by a representative from your organisation who understands your energy management system.

Your representative can clarify any points raised and note any areas of weakness.

By identifying any weaknesses in your energy management system, your assessor will estimate a realistic timescale for your assessment.

You will receive documented commentary that will enable you to plan your next steps. Any gaps, especially where the response is 'partial' or 'unlikely', are clearly identified and your assessor will discuss how these gaps may be addressed in order to demonstrate compliance.

The gap analysis is not a full assessment against the new standard requirements and does not contribute towards ISO 50001:2018 certification. A certificate will not be issued.

## Preparing for a gap analysis

In advance of the gap analysis visit, you should familiarise yourself with the new and changed requirements, including the definitions and appendices of ISO 50001:2018.

## What are the benefits of ISO 50001:2018?

The latest version of the standard standard follows the Annex SL structure, which means that organisations need to take a strategic approach to their EnMS. The integration into a common management system structure creates efficiencies and encourages continual improvement of performance and processes. Other benefits include:

- Easier integration with other ISO standards
- Top management involvement will lead to greater commitment and shared responsibility throughout the organisation
- By identifying risks and opportunities in an organised manner, organisations anticipate potential issues with their energy performance related to energy use, efficiency and consumption and capitalise on favourable considerations.

## How we can help

At LRQA, we take time to understand the needs and unique circumstances of our clients and their businesses, to act with judgement, sensitivity and care.

### Assessment

We specialise in management systems compliance including gap analysis, assessment and certification, all underpinned with expert advice designed to meet the needs of your industry. We explore every problem thoroughly with exact, analytical precision.

### Remote Audit

Using secure remote technology, we deliver the same high-quality audit services that were previously only available as on-site audit. Our audit services will consist of a blend of remote and on-site audit activities providing you with an unrivalled level of insight and expertise.

## Certification

Certification is typically a two stage process and transition a single stage process, consisting of a system appraisal and an initial assessment, the duration of which is dependent on the size and nature of your organisation.

## Training

We provide practical client training courses, led by trained and qualified tutors. Many of our courses are endorsed by relevant professional bodies and based on our experience of assessing management systems.

We offer both public and in-house training services plus virtual classrooms, eLearning and customised training solutions.

Here are some of our most popular EnMS courses:

- Introduction to ISO 50001
- ISO 50001 Internal Auditor
- Energy Management Principles
- ISO 50001 EnMS Lead Auditor - CQI & IRCA Certified

## Technical expertise

Our experienced assessors are industry specialists who are matched with your business needs, enabling an effective and robust audit of your system.

## Impartiality

We maintain our impartiality by proactively managing conflicts of interest across all LRQA businesses including those which may exist between consultancy and third-party certification services.

## About LRQA

By bringing together unrivalled expertise in certification, brand assurance, food safety, cybersecurity, inspection and training, we've become a leading global assurance provider.

We're proud of our heritage, but it's who we are today that really matters, because that's what shapes how we partner with our clients tomorrow. By combining strong values, decades of experience in risk management and mitigation and a keen focus on the future, we're here to support our clients as they build safer, more secure, more sustainable businesses.

From independent auditing, certification and training; to technical advisory services; to real-time assurance technology; to data-driven supply chain transformation, our innovative end-to-end solutions help our clients negotiate a rapidly changing risk landscape – making sure they're shaping their own future, rather than letting it shape them.

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