

ISO certification cost

In today's world, it is not easy for organizations to get recognized in the business market. Whether it is a startup company or large organization, accreditation is important to enhance the reputation of the organization. ISO Certification is a globally recognized certification which is provided for the organization that has a well-developed management system, manufacturing processes, services, and document procedure. Even though achieving the ISO certification is not a legal requirement, it helps the organizations to comply with all the statutory and regulatory requirements. It is a great way to increase the number of potential customers and impress clients/stakeholders.

Whatever the size, type, or field of activity, most of the ISO certifications are suitable for all organizations including manufacturing industries, educational institutions, etc.

### **What is ISO Certification?**

Before we know about what is ISO Certification, let us have a small discussion about what is ISO. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is an independent, non-governmental organization which is famous for developing and publishing international standards. This organization only develops standards but does not involve in providing conformity assessment or ISO certification. This is done by a third-party/external certification body.

ISO Certification establishes the effective implementation of the management system, manufacturing processes, and services of the organization. It develops your business and increases profitability. It is the best method to satisfy the customers and enhance their confidence in your processes and services. Also, this ISO certification increases the credibility and lets you win new business opportunities.

### **Types of ISO Certification**

ISO has developed more the 20,000 voluntary, market-relevant, and globally recognized international standards that provide specifications, guidelines, and characteristics to develop the business in numerous sectors such as quality, safety, environment, etc. There are various ISO certifications available for each management system. The following are some of the ISO certifications that EAS offers.

- ISO 9001:2015 Certification (Quality Management System)
- ISO 14001:2015 Certification (Environmental Management System)
- ISO 22000:2018 Certification (Food Safety Management System)
- ISO 45001:2018 Certification (Occupational Health and Safety Management System)
- ISO 50001:2018 Certification (Energy Management System)
- Integrated Management System (IMS), etc.

### **Determine what covers your ISO cost:**

The cost to achieve ISO certification differs for each organization and management system. Also, each ISO Certification requires a different cost. Some of the common factors that determine the ISO certification cost are,

#### **1. Consulting/Preparation charges**

To prepare for the audit, the organizations need to implement the requirements of the ISO standard that they are applied for. To achieve these requirements if an organization requires any consultation that will also provide by the ISO certification body.

#### **2. Auditing and Certification Fees**

This cost includes the initiation of the audit and guidance for the implementation of the organization's management system to the achievement of the certificate.

### **Other expenses for ISO certification:**

To achieve the ISO Certification, the requirements of the applied ISO standard should be completely implemented in an organization. Even if the requirements may be the development or modification of infrastructure, hiring of personal, procurement of equipment and machinery, the organization should implement them to achieve the ISO certification. This investment does not come under the ISO certification cost. But to obtain the certification, the organization needs to satisfy all the requirements and implement all the non-conformities given by the auditors or ISO certification consultant.

### **What is consulting? Is it required?**

The term consulting in ISO certification refers to the consultation given by the ISO certification consultant to prepare your organization for the management system audit. Not all organizations have the confidence to contact the ISO certification body to perform the audit without

consulting. For some, it is required to ensure that they have satisfied the mandatory requirement to achieve the ISO certification. It solely depends on the organizations' convenience.

### **How pricing is determined for ISO certification?**

The cost of ISO certification is not the same for all organizations. Here are some of the common factors that affect the pricing of all types of ISO Certification.

- **Size of the organization**

From Startup Company to large, the ISO certification is suitable for all organizations. But the cost will differ depending on the size and environment of the organization.

- **Number of the employees**

Not all organizations have fewer employees. The big organizations/industries may have more than 100 hundred employees. It includes permanent employees, temporary employees, and contract labors. So, it is not easy to complete the audit within a day. This may increase the days of auditing that result in additional auditing charges.

- **The complexity of the organization**

The ISO certification cost depends upon the activities carried out in the site like installation, erection, commission, or after-sales services activities. For the Food Safety Management System, the certification cost varies according to the number of food products for HACCP and FSMS audits. For Information Security Management System, it depends upon the numbers of servers, network and nodes, and the level of handling the sensitive information. For Environmental Management System and Occupational Health and Safety Management System, the cost varies based on the sites (working environment), past incidents/accidents, number and kind of visitors in the operating areas, handling of hazardous chemicals/activity, the strength of management system.

### **Why cost differs from Agency to Agency?**

Yes, the cost of the ISO certification varies for one certification body to another. Not all the organization that provides ISO Certification is accredited by the internationally recognized platform. Even though achieving the ISO certification is the major task, it is also important to choose the reputed/recognized brand which is popular among the ISO certification providers. This helps impress your customers as well as the stakeholders.

### **Why should we choose a good certification body for the audit?**

To make your decision simple, here are some the advantages of choosing the good certification body are,

- Accreditation
- International recognition
- Increased reputation
- Credibility
- Acceptance by customers
- Can get trusted services
- Assurance in good communication
- Can get the right value for the investment, etc.

### **Fake ISO certifications:**

Be aware; don't fall for fake ISO certifications! Some spam websites sell the ISO certificate through online without any proper requirements. Kindly check whether the ISO certification body is accredited or not before you contact them. The credibility of the organization is also an important factor when you are looking to obtain the ISO Certification. So make sure you have chosen the right ISO certification body to promote your business and the reputation of your organization.

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