

# **AS/ISO14001 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

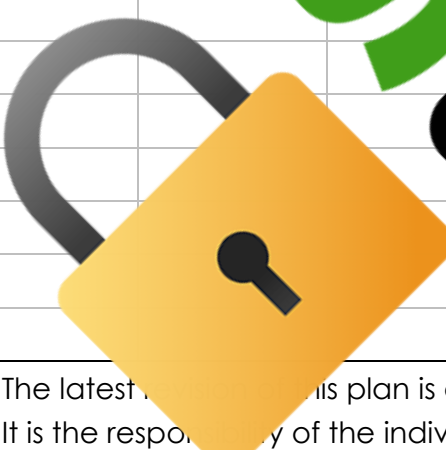
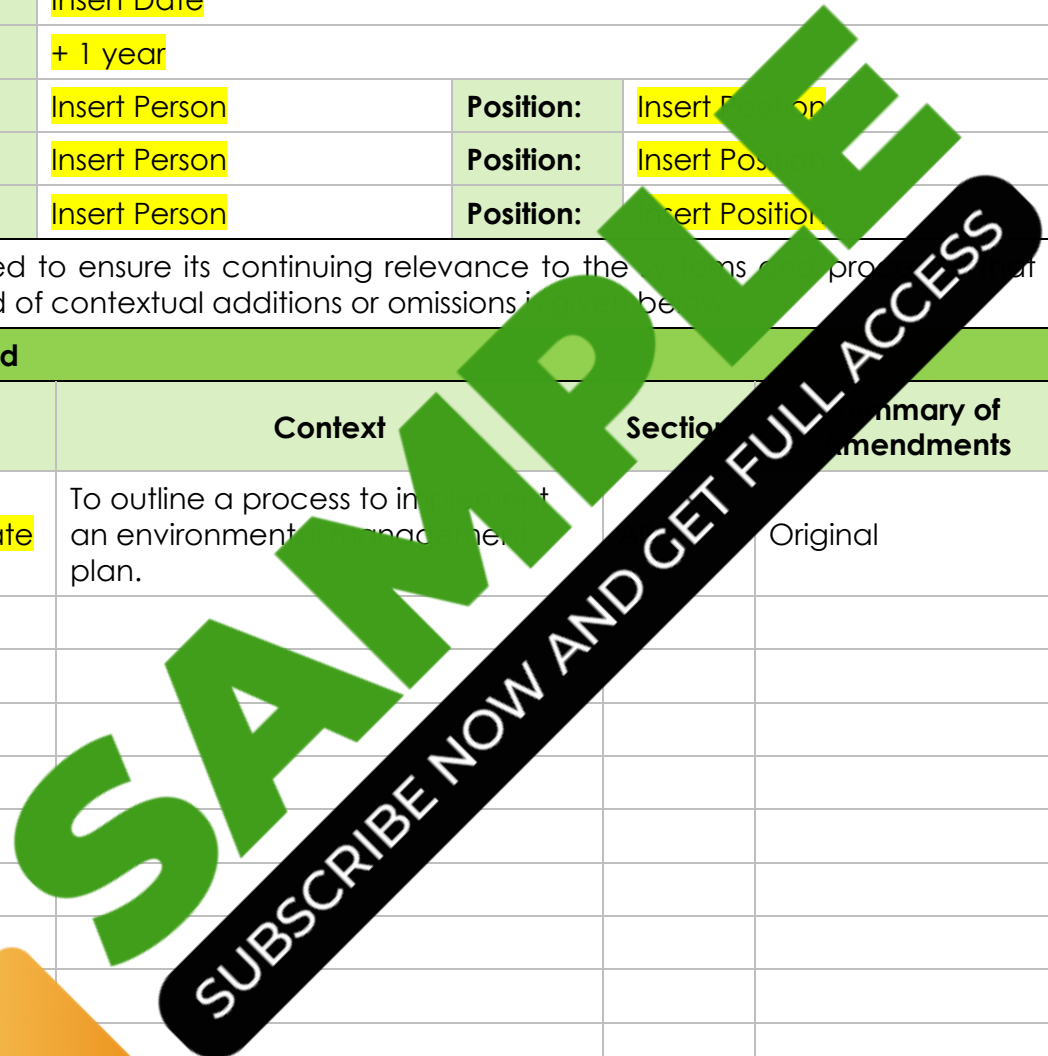


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# 1. APPROVAL

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

Having a functioning *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management System* provides an organization with a framework for actions to be taken, that if implemented appropriately shall provide for a considerable improvement with internal control.

The execution of *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Standard* provides a methodology for an organization's activities, products or services and the interaction with the environment. This, in turn, can increase the long-term viability of an organization and where applicable a higher regard for its personnel and asset value.

Whilst there are other numerous benefits to achieving *AS/NZS ISO 14001* compliance, in general, the fundamental benefits include the following aspects.

### 2.1. The Demonstration of Leadership

By testing environmental controls against the international environmental standard, an organization can demonstrate environmental leadership to their stakeholders, this may include customers, employees and regulators etc. The achievement of *AS/NZS ISO 14001* compliance provides assurance to top management that the organization is actively controlling the environmental risks that are inherent within the organization.

### 2.2. Financial Benefits

In a global marketplace where all sectors have to compete in some form or other, the demonstration of ethical environmental leadership through good environmental management can be the competitive edge for businesses. In order to supply the goods and services that an organization offers, it must first be ISO 14001 compliant. ISO 14001 compliance may also give a unique selling point that provides organizations with key fundamentals when promoting the organization.

A fundamental requirement of the *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Standard* is conformance to appropriate environmental requirements, including other obligations that are deemed as important as a regulatory requirement. A system that checks on adherence to legislation mitigates the risk of environmental liability prosecution. Whilst this is not a direct source of an organization's income, the outcome of unregulated activities that deteriorate the environment will result in unwanted outcomes.

Most businesses have resources of one form or another. Whilst the *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Standard* does not directly direct an organization to measure something specifically, the measurement of resources that are consumed, (e.g. energy, water, materials) together with the waste generated, can lead to progressive changes in use and fundamental cost savings.

### 2.3. Management Reviews, Monitoring and Improvements

The *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Standard* provides the framework to check what controls have been put into place through the use of auditing and provides a methodology to monitor and improve. A management review process then allows management to take a step back and determine how well the system is working within the context of the organization and whether it requires modification to meet future changes in a process or regulatory framework.

Internal audits and management reviews when combined with an audit from a certification body provide assurance that the environmental management system is meeting the requirements of the *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Standard*.

### 3. OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this environmental implementation plan is to enable **Insert Your Company:**

- To improve its image and credibility by attaining accreditation to *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems Standard*.
- Enhance business decisions with consideration to the *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems Standard*.
- Improve environmental aspects and impacts with our operational processes.
- Integrate operational processes to enhance environmental management compliance.
- Create a culture of continual improvement with a positive impact on the environment.
- Improve employee engagement regarding environmental management and compliance.

### 4. DURATION AND STRUCTURE

The implementation of our *AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management System* is divided into the phases listed below.

Milestone	Due date	Responsibility
Commencement		
Planning		
Gap Analysis		
Implementation		
Internal Audit		
Management Review		
Corrective Action		
Continual Improvement		

Please note if you have purchased one of our [AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems](#) you can detail the manual sections in the above table, as listed in section 6 deliverables.

**Additional note:** If you complete the forms and procedures listed after each section in the My Safety Works 14001 manual, you will be well on your way to implementing a compliant system.