

ISO 9001:2000 is a formal quality management system for quality assurance, intended to provide supplier organizations and their customers with high confidence that systems are in place to consistently produce products and services, which meet customer requirements.

Organizations receive ISO 9001:2000 registration if they successfully demonstrate and preserve compliance with rigorous requirements evaluated by accredited 3rd party professional auditors.

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ISO is often used as the acronym for The International Organization for Standardization. (Note 1)

The International Organization for Standardization, based in Geneva, was founded in 1946 and currently has more than 130 national standards bodies as members. The Organization was established to develop and promote common standards for manufacturing, trade and communication worldwide in order to improve operating efficiency, improve productivity, and to reduce costs.

Note 1: According to ISO's officials, the ISO short name was taken from "isos", the Greek word meaning "equal", the prefix of words such as "isometric" (of equal measure), "isobar" (equal barometric pressure), "isodynamic" (having equal force), "isometry" (equality of elevation), "isonomy" (equal in civil rights) and "isopolity" (equal in political rights). The selection of ISO as the short name was based on evolving the "equal" to "uniform" then to "standard".