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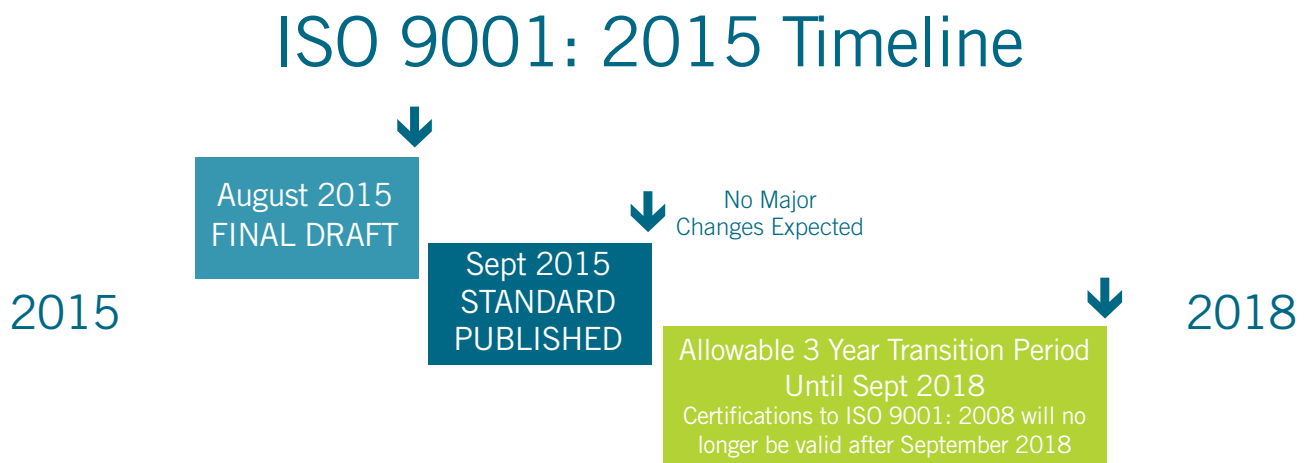
ISO 9001: 2015 Revision Update

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As ISO Standards are required to be examined every 5 years for relevance and changes, the ISO 9001 standard is currently under revision. The future ISO 9001:2015 will respond to current trends, be compatible with other management systems such as ISO 14001, and keep the standard relevant for the marketplace.

The new standard FINAL DRAFT has been released and the ISO 9001:2015 Standard is still expected to be released in September 2015.

ISO 9001:2008 certifications will remain valid for three years after publication of the ISO 9001:2015 standard. The expiration date of certifications to ISO 9001:2008 issued during the transition period needs to correspond to the end of the three year transition period. **All ISO 9001-certified companies must be recertified every 3 years.** Companies currently certified to ISO 9001:2008 must be certified to ISO 9001:2015 before September of 2018 when the 2008 standard expires. Most certified companies will want to become certified to ISO 9001:2015 at their recertification audit or a scheduled Surveillance Audit that occurs after September 2015.



SUMMARY OF THE KEY CHANGES CURRENTLY IN THE ISO 9001 FINAL DRAFT:

- Greater emphasis on building a management system suited to each organization's particular needs
- Top management of an organization will be involved and accountable, aligning quality with wider business strategy
- Risk-based thinking throughout the standard makes the whole management system a preventive tool and encourages continuous improvement
- Less prescriptive requirements for documentation: the organization can now decide what documented information it needs and what format it should be in
- Alignment with other key management system standards through the use of a common structure and core text