



*When Quality Matters*

## **EME** Environmental Management Essentials Management System Certification

Boost your company's reputation by enhancing cost effective environmental performance with EME Certification.

EME Certification is dedicated to organizations that demonstrate compliance in relation to the implementation of Environmental Management Systems according to ISO 14001. CCQM is delighted to offer EME certification to all the companies that are in operating procedures of encountering the entire set of EMS requirements within a short time. With this certification, companies will prove conformity to the key clauses implemented in their management system, such as:

- ▶ Knowing the context of the organization
- ▶ Determining the scope of the environmental management system
- ▶ Building communication channels
- ▶ Ensuring management's support for the implementation
- ▶ Establishing internal and external communication processes
- ▶ Creating and maintaining documented information and their controls
- ▶ Defining and implementing operational control to minimize negative environmental impacts
- ▶ Planning actions to prevent or mitigate any risk

## WHAT IS EME ABOUT?



EME is a systematic approach to managing your organization's impacts on the environment by implementing essential requirements with less guidance from management – without neglecting the importance of ISO 14001 core. CCQM's EME framework implementation and certification are demonstrating your devotedness to planning, implementing and reviewing organization environmental impacts with cost effective outcomes.

The design objectives for this new certification scheme:

- ▶ Easy to implement
- ▶ Reduced management involvement
- ▶ Leverage existing ISO 14001 EMS skills of your staff to 100%
- ▶ Certifiable



## BENEFITS OF THE EME CERTIFICATION

- ▶ Reduced implementation efforts through reduced number of requirements
- ▶ Less than half of the costs compared to the ISO 14001 EMS implementation and certification
- ▶ No extra training necessary for already certified ISO 14001 EMS implementers and auditors through 100% compatibility with ISO 14001 EMS
- ▶ Reduced training costs for staff not familiar with ISO 14001 EMS
- ▶ No voided implementation efforts when moving to full blown ISO 14001 EMS
- ▶ Marketing advantage through international recognition of the certificate
- ▶ Very feasible step stone to achieve full ISO 14001 EMS certification

## CERTIFICATION PROCESS

EME certification (also known as “registration”) is granted by a third-party, such as CCQM, upon verifying through an audit that the organization has fulfilled the considered essential clauses. This certification is then maintained through scheduled annual surveillance audits by the registrar, with re-certification of the Environmental Management performed on a triannual basis.



- ▶ Step 1. Pre-Audit (Optional) – It must be done at least 3 months before Certification Audit
- ▶ Step 2. Audit Plan – Plan for audit has to be mutually agreed
- ▶ Step 3. Audit Stage 1 & 2 – Non-conformities must be closed at least 3 months after audit conclusions
- ▶ Step 4. Initial Certification – Certificate will be issued within 2 weeks after successful audit closing

Once certification has been obtained, the organization will be subjected to two surveillance audits within 24 months from the initial certification:

- ▶ Surveillance Audit Stage 1 – No longer than 12 months from the initial certification audit
- ▶ Surveillance Audit Stage 2 – No longer than 12 months from the 1st surveillance audit



## WHY CHOOSE CCQM?

CCQM is a certification body for persons, management systems, and products on a wide range of international standards. As a global provider of training, examination, audit, and certification services, CCQM offers its expertise on multiple fields, including but not limited to Environmental Management. We help organizations to show commitment and competence with internationally recognized standards by providing this assurance through the education, evaluation and certification against rigorous, internationally recognized competence requirements. With a global coverage of more than 200 partners in over 120 countries worldwide, our mission is to provide our clients comprehensive services that inspire trust, continual improvement, demonstrate recognition, and benefit society as a whole. To find out how you can obtain the EME certification, visit [www.ccqm.ch/certification](http://www.ccqm.ch/certification)

## CCQM CERTIFICATION PROCESS

PRE-AUDIT  
(FACULTATIVE)

STAGE 1 AUDIT

STAGE 2 AUDIT

YEAR 2  
(SURVEILLANCE AUDIT)

YEAR 3  
(SURVEILLANCE AUDIT)