

IAM Endorsed Assessor Program (EAP) Transition to ISO55000/1 2024 Questions and Answers

Q. Are EAs now being endorsed to assess organisations using the 2024 edition of the ISO 55001 standard?

A. EAs who use the SAM+ assessment tool are endorsed for assessment against the 2014 edition of the standard. This applies to both gap analysis and certification assessment.

Exceptionally, EAs provide their own methodology for assessment and if these are updated to the 2024 standards and approved by the IAM (Technical Assessor) then an EA could be endorsed for assessments.

The IAM will be updating its Endorsed Assessor Program in 2025 to utilise 2024. It is anticipated there will be a period where Endorsed Assessors are asked by their clients to assess against the 2014 edition or the 2024 edition of ISO55001. Both Endorsed Assessor Programs will be available during this period.

Q. When is the SAM+ tool to be updated to align with the 2024 ISO55001 standard?

A. It is planned to update the SAM+ tool and make it available during 2025 – no specific date has yet been agreed. The SAM+ tool will also be updated using the new GFMAM Asset Management Landscape

Q. What should EAs do in the interim in terms of gap analysis and certification audits?

A. It is recognised that there will be a transition period of approximately 2 years moving from the 2014 to the 2024 versions of ISO 55001. The IAM recommends that if the EA is using the SAM+ tool (or their own platform based on the SAM+ question set) they continue to assess clients using this tool against the 2014 standard until the new SAM+ tool is made available. If a client wants to have their certification against the 2024 ISO55001, EAs can submit any additional assessment for approval as above.

The fundamental requirement is that EAs are assessing the asset management capability of organisations using only the requirements specified in the ISO standard, applied appropriately in the context of the organisation. If an EA wishes to put in place a methodology which assesses clients directly against the standard - or produce their own equivalent SAM+ tool – that remains an option, but the IAM will need to specifically validate the tool/method. The preference is that where practicable EAs continue to use the SAM+ tool.

Q. If I carry out a gap analysis for my client now using the SAM+ tool, how can I ensure that the assessment will not be wasted when they are assessed for certification in 2 years' time under the 2024 standard?

A. It is most unlikely that a gap analysis using the existing SAM+ tool will be wasted. The majority of the ISO55001 requirements remain the same, but there are a few additional requirements and improvements to the clarity of the standard. Helpfully, the 2024 standard summarises the significant changes from the 2014 edition in the Foreword. Also Martin Kerr gave a comprehensive webinar on the differences between the 2014 and 2024 version of the ISO55001 standard in this IAM webinar [IAM - ISO55001:2024 \(Why, What and How\)](#)

The current SAM+ tool has a set of questions which align to the clauses of the 2014 standard, and level 3 of each question is 'conformance with the ISO standard'. It is suggested that if clients require guidance to ensure that their improvement initiative will enable them to achieve certification under the 2024 standard, that EAs undertake an additional exercise with them after carrying out the initial SAM+ gap analysis to identify potential additional areas which need consideration in the 2024 edition. This need only look at the areas of difference between the versions of the standard and would normally be a short exercise. The IAM are not proposing to develop a specific tool to support the transition, though this may be available via the updated SAM+ tool once reviewed.