

AS9100: 2005 Aerospace

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#### **Business Challenge**

The Aerospace industry is considered the most obsessively safety-conscious business sector; facing public scrutiny with no margin for error, guality control is an absolute necessity. Successful manufacturers and suppliers today regard quality management as their fundamental driving force. In an increasingly competitive global market, it takes independent certification to demonstrate this commitment to your clients and supply chain.

# **Business Solution**

AS 9100 is the internationally recognised quality system specific to the Aerospace industry. It is strongly supported and adhered to by major industry manufacturers such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.

- AS 9100 is applicable to organisations that design and manufacture products for the aerospace industry including parts, components and assembly.
- AS 9100 is further augmented by AS 9120, which is specific to the stockists and distributors of parts, addressing chain of custody, traceability, stock control and availability of records.

### What is AS 9100?

Based on the tested and proven foundation of ISO 9001, AS 9100 supplements this framework with

specific additional requirements necessary to address aviation and space needs. This enables organisations with ISO 9001 in place to progress to AS 9100 without significant modification. AS 9100, specifically written by the aerospace industry, has become a basic fundamental requirement of suppliers to the industry, placing a particular focus on assuring quality, safety, technology and integrity throughout the entire supply chain and is applied to both civil and military sectors.

IMSM implement both AS 9100 and AS 9120, both standards provide irrefutable evidence that quality standards are being met - certification can mean the difference between winning new larger contracts and missing out.

#### What are the benefits to your business?

- Global recognition for your organisation as a reputable supplier: Open up national and international market opportunities; increase your ability to win more business with proven credentials of your production and operational systems.
- Inclusion on the International Aerospace • Quality Group (IAQG) Online Aerospace Supplier Information System (OASIS): This standard is well established throughout the supply chain as an industry benchmark.
- Client satisfaction and confidence: Proven reliability, consistency and fulfillment of mandatory requests.

- Improved risk management: Through greater consistency and traceability of products.
- Legal compliance: Improves understanding of the impact of statutory and regulatory requirements on your organisation and clients.
- Reduces operating costs and waste: Continual improvement of processes and operational efficiencies removes variation in quality.

# Why choose IMSM?

The IMSM approach is based on a key set of principles in order to create balanced and sustained results for our clients:

- Fixed fee: IMSM implementation is priced at a fixed rate from day one. No hidden charges, no unexpected invoices.
- Flexible implementation: Designed to fit around your business requirement and schedule.
- Expertise: All IMSM Consultants have been successfully trained to the highest standard by an IRCA or equivalent approved training body and have earned a reputation of integrity for contributing value

and best practice. IMSM guarantees that your Consultant will be highly qualified and trained to assist and support your business to compliance.

- Full service: IMSM offers full implementation; we will produce the manuals and make the process as simple as possible by improving the systems already in place.
- **Training:** IMSM offer training to supplement your standard; training with IMSM is flexible and delivered by experienced IMSM Trainers.

# What is involved?

- Our Consultant will perform a Gap Analysis which acts as the initial step in the review of your company's internal processes and practices or management systems, where applicable, to determine where your company is today in relation to achieving the standard.
- If required, IMSM will develop and deliver tailored training programs for your staff to supplement the standard, to ensure a full understanding of the quality controls being put in place.
- The external audit is the monitoring of your company's conformance to the standard. IMSM will continually support and guide your

business through the aforementioned stages as well as leading up to the audit.

• Once your organisation is confirmed as being compliant, your organisation will be submitted to the certifying body deemed suitable. Your organisation will then be awarded the certification.

# **Related Services**

Beyond AS 9100, IMSM can also introduce your business to other management system standards to help develop and grow a profitable business, including:

- ISO 9001 Quality Management
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management
- BS OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management
- ISO 27001 Information and Data Security

These standards are designed to be compatible with AS 9100 and can be integrated to deliver audit efficiency, consistency and optimisation. To explore the ways ISO standards can help to improve your organisation, contact IMSM today for an informal discussion with your local IMSM Area Manager.

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