

OHSAS 18001 Assurance Program



Attributes:

Name:	OHSAS 18001 Assurance Program
Criteria:	OHSAS 18001 and Client Charter
Market:	All organisations
Scope:	International
Output:	Certificate of Confidence
Validity:	3 years, subject to on-going requirements
Outcome:	Certification gives confidence to the organisation, its employees and others in its ability to meet occupational health and safety requirements, with the aim of eliminating work-related injury and illness.



OHSAS 18001 Q-Mark™

Background:

A safe and healthy workplace is a productive workplace. Our OHSAS 18001 Assurance Program provides a sound basis for any organisation looking to establish confidence in their ability to consistently meet relevant OHS requirements, and for improving OHS performance. It can be integrated into, any of our other assurance programs.

The process:

As an organisation, the steps involved for you are:

1. Applying for certification:

Review and accept our customised Proposal, and you're underway!

2. Achieving certification:

Firstly, a pre-certification audit or "test run" will be conducted either on-site (at your premises) or off-site (at our premises) or both, to see whether your management systems are suitable. Areas of concern will be reported. Once concerns have been actioned, an on-site certification audit will be conducted, where we will examine the extent to which you address the program criteria. Areas of concern will be reported. Once we are satisfied there are no outstanding issues that present an unacceptable risk to you, your employees, customers, regulators, Equal Assurance or others, we can proceed to issue a *Certificate of Confidence*. Well done!

3. Maintaining certification:

Depending on the level of risk, we will conduct a series of surveillance audits (and in some cases special and follow-up audits) and tri-ennial re-certification audits, to examine the extent to which you continue to address the program criteria. Areas of concern will be reported. So long as we continue to be satisfied there are no outstanding issues that present an unacceptable risk to you, your employees, customers, regulators, Equal Assurance or others, your certification remains valid.

Your next step:

Further details regarding the specific requirements of this assurance program are provided in our Client Charter. This and other relevant documentation are available for download from www.equalassurance.com.

Contact one of our Account Manager who will prepare a Proposal Form at no cost.