ISO 27001 — Internal Audit

If your organization has decided to pursue ISO 27001 certification, it is important not to underestimate the role of the internal audit. If you do not have sufficient internal capacity, resources, or expertise to conduct it, we can take over this responsibility for you.

The increasing reliance on IT has fundamentally transformed how organizations operate. Well-designed IT environments can significantly enhance efficiency, support strategic objectives, and enable sustainable growth. At the same time, the rapid expansion of IT systems introduces growing complexity and risk. Cyber threats are becoming more sophisticated, and organizations must manage not only their technology, but also the associated risks to data, operations, and business continuity. Critical processes such as IT governance, risk management, disaster recovery (DRP), and business continuity planning (BCP) now play a central role in ensuring resilience and stability.

As a result, ISO 27001 certification is becoming a strategic priority for organizations aiming to operate securely and reliably in today's digital landscape—and we are here to help you navigate every step with confidence.

Why ISO 27001?

In response to increasing complexity and risk, more organizations are turning to frameworks such as ISO/IEC 27001, as it provides an internationally recognized structure for establishing and continuously improving an Information Security Management System (ISMS), enabling a shift from reactive problem-solving to proactive risk management.

By implementing ISO 27001, organizations introduce clear governance, defined processes, and effective controls across areas such as information security, risk management, and business continuity. This brings structure and control to complex IT environments, while supporting regulatory compliance and strengthening stakeholder trust.

How can Forvis Mazars help and support you?

The internal audit is not merely a mandatory step in the certification process—it is the final and most critical rehearsal before the certification audit. This is the point at which you gain a clear, objective view of how prepared your organization truly is. A thoroughly and professionally conducted internal audit is already half the journey toward successful certification.
Many organizations make the mistake of treating internal audit as a formal "tick-the-box" exercise. As a result, deficiencies are not identified in time—only to be uncovered later by the external auditor, putting the success of the certification at risk.

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This is why it is essential that the internal audit is performed by experienced professionals who apply a structured and proven methodology.

Forvis Mazars delivers exactly this:

- several years of ISO 27001 audit experience
- a strong track record of successful internal audits
- an audit approach that genuinely prepares you for certification
- a team including 2 certified ISO 27001 Lead Auditors

As part of our service, our internal auditors support you in an outsourced model: they conduct the full internal audit process on-site, tailored to your organization, and actively support you during the certification audit as well.

Where needed, we also assist with addressing audit findings—supporting the design and implementation of corrective actions—to ensure you are fully prepared for the external audit.

Key objectives we support:

- Delivering internal audit services in a fully outsourced model
- Conducting on-site audits tailored to your organization's specific environment and needs
- Actively supporting you during the certification (external) audit
- Assisting, where needed, with the design and implementation of corrective actions to ensure full audit readiness

How do we deliver value?

- Assisting in the development and execution of the mandatory internal audit plan
- Identify risks through internal audit activities
- Provide improvement recommendations for identified weaknesses
- Report audit findings to management

An IT environment review may cover a wide range of areas. However, we tailor our services to your needs, so you can choose to focus only on critical areas. We help uncover system deficiencies and risks and propose the most effective ways to eliminate them.

If you would like to gain a clear and accurate picture of your readiness, and approach ISO 27001 certification with confidence, feel free to get in touch—our experts will support you throughout the journey to a successful audit and certification.

Why choose us?

- Practical, audit-focused approach
- Strong experience with ISO 27001 audit expectations
- Tailored solutions based on your organization's needs
- Focus on cost-effective and realistic implementation

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