



Auva announces partnership with A-LIGN

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with A-LIGN Compliance and Security Incorporated, a leading provider of cyber security certification.

In January, Auva's co-founder Graham O'Geran visited A-LIGN's headquarters in Tampa, Florida, where he met with members of the senior leadership team.

We are pleased to announce that A-LIGN clients will now have access to Auva's certification services across ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, AS 9100, and AS 9120 standards. Through this partnership with A-LIGN, Auva can now offer its clients accredited certification to ISO 42001. This is the first international, certifiable standard for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (AIMS), supporting responsible AI development and use. In addition to ISO 42001, Auva clients will have access to SOC and CMMC certification.

Following the meeting Graham said; "This is a significant milestone for Auva, expanding our reach in the US and also reflecting the growing focus organisations are placing on responsible AI. The team at A-LIGN share the same commitment to their clients as we do, making sure we deliver a prompt and quality service. We look forward to working with them going forward."

A-LIGN is accredited by both ANAB and UKAS.



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What is ISO 42001?

ISO 42001 is an Artificial Intelligence (AI) management system standard that gives organisations a structured framework to design, develop, deploy and use AI responsibly. Gaining this certification means putting in place policies and procedures for the sound governance of an organisation in relation to AI, using the Plan-Do-Check-Act methodology. Rather than looking at the details of specific AI applications it provides a practical way of managing AI-related risks and opportunities across an organisation. Therefore, it is for any size of business that is involved in developing, providing, or using AI-based products or services across all industries.

It also follows the same 10-clause structure as ISO 9001 and other management systems which provides a unified approach. For example, with ISO 27001 where alignment is very important. AI systems can often process sensitive data, therefore this allows for AI risks to be mapped alongside security risks.

If you have any questions relating to ISO 42001 and how it can support your business, please get in touch!



New Home for Auva Northern Ireland

Auva is delighted to have completed on the purchase of Western House. This historic B2 grade-listed building and former Allied Irish Bank is in the heart of Coalisland on the Dungannon Road. The building will now undergo extensive decoration and modernisation which will provide Auva with modern offices, meeting and training rooms, a podcast studio as well as fun breakout areas.

Paula Brady, Chief Operating Officer NI said; "This is an exciting time for us, our business in the region has been expanding extensively year on year! We considered our options of what

we actually need in the region and decided Western House meets our immediate needs and we have room to grow. We are surrounded by industry here, from manufacturers of mining and quarrying equipment, construction companies, telecommunication companies, suppliers to the food processing industry, transport companies to name a few."

This office will allow us to provide networking events, training workshops and a base for our ARC members. We are very much looking forward to becoming more involved with the local community."

Chairman message

We have held back this edition of our newsletter while we reached a number of important milestones here at Auva, which we're now excited to share with you!

2025 has been our strongest year to date for new business, but just importantly, the growth has come alongside real progress behind the scenes. The team hasn't been resting on their laurels, we have continued to improve our internal processes and are about to launch our newly developed ERP. We've also increased our auditor base, gained more UKAS scopes and most importantly continued to ensure our clients receive a great service.

As you'll see in this edition, there are some exciting developments taking shape across Auva, and as always, we remain extremely grateful to those who have trusted us and continued to support us on our epic journey.

I look forward to sharing more exciting news later in the year.



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Next level quality for the built environment sector with BS 99001

Our team works with many businesses across the construction and built environment sector supporting them in achieving and maintaining ISO 9001 certification. As you know, we are always looking for ways to go further for our clients and now, we are pleased to add BS 99001: 2022 Quality Management Systems for the Built Environment to our certification services. This means our clients in the built environment sector can level up their quality and continue working with the team they know and trust!

Why BS 99001 is important

BS 99001 certification provides a clear, practical framework to manage quality across every stage of a project. Large construction projects are complex with tight deadlines and many moving parts, so consistent quality requires careful coordination which is where this standard adds real value. It was developed specifically for the built environment, so it focuses on safety, competition and quality, but it also incorporates lessons from the Grenfell Tower tragedy, emphasising the 'golden thread' of information to ensure high-rise buildings have accurate, up to date digital records as required by the Building Safety Act 2022.

We have the full details on our website [here](#). BS 99001 is not currently UKAS accredited.

If you're working in design, construction, FM or looking after assets, it shows that every project is handled to the highest standards and in clear compliance of the Building Safety Act and other regulators. Also, because it is sector-specific you can identify issues earlier so potentially reducing rework and making cost savings.

Please get in touch to chat through your options with the team.



The Future of Aerospace Quality

Understanding the transition to IA9100 and IA9120

There are a lot of rumours flying around the industry (excuse the pun) in anticipation of the next revision of AS9100 and AS9120.

The changes have been in the pipeline for several years, and we're nearing a release within the next 12 months. Recognising these upcoming standards is crucial for aerospace professionals to stay current and maintain compliance.

The first thing everyone will notice is that they will no longer be tagged with AS or EN. In case you were not aware, there are actually three different versions of each standard: AS, EN, or JISQ. AS is the Americas version, EN is the European version, and JISQ is the Asia Pacific version. Fundamentally, they are all the same, but when the IAQG wants to make an update, they currently have to have all three regions agree and release at the same time. This can cause delays and setbacks, so they are reverting to one version of each standard, which will be IA (International Aerospace).

With the upcoming release of ISO 9001:2026, there will be some minor amendments and clarifications, such as creating a quality culture and ethical behaviours. Still, there are two noticeable new clauses (at least, that was the case in the last draft we saw): AI and Cyber Security.

1. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML) Integration

This is expected to be the most significant addition, focusing on:

- **Validation and Verification of AI Systems:** Requirements for ensuring that AI models used in critical decision-making (e.g., automated inspection, predictive maintenance, generative design) are validated for accuracy, reliability, and bias mitigation.
- **Data Integrity and Governance:** Strict controls over the data used to train and operate AI/ML systems, ensuring data quality, lineage, and protection against manipulation.
- **Ethical AI Use:** Principles governing the responsible use of AI in quality processes, including transparency and accountability for AI-driven decisions.

2. Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

Reflecting the increased digitalisation of the supply chain, new clauses are anticipated to cover:

- **Cyber Resilience Planning:** Integrating cybersecurity risk management into the quality management system (QMS) to protect critical manufacturing and quality data.
- **Supply Chain Security:** Requirements for flow-down of cybersecurity controls to suppliers and distributors.



The Implementation Timeline (Projected)

The IAQG are keen for organisations to transition as soon as possible. Upon the release of the new revisions, a document called SR005 will outline the transition timeline and will be publicly available on the IAQG website. We expect a maximum of three years to complete the transition after publication, helping organisations plan effectively.

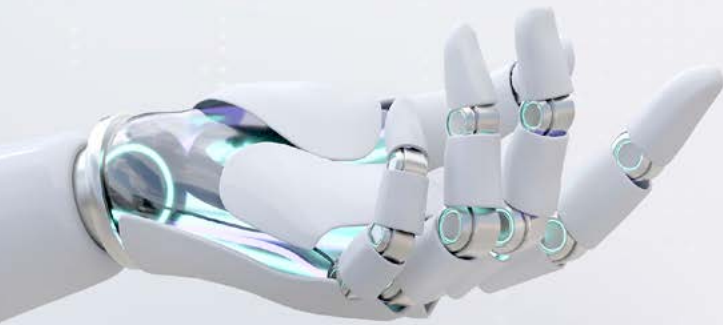
Note: These timeframes are estimates and subject to change by the IAQG. Organisations should monitor official announcements closely.

Preparing for the Transition

Organisations currently certified to AS9100 or AS9120 should begin preparing now by assessing AI and digital readiness, strengthening data governance, and conducting internal training. Taking these steps will help build confidence and ensure a smooth transition.

- **Assessing AI/Digital Readiness:** Inventorying current or planned uses of AI, automation, and digital tools in quality processes.
- **Strengthening Data Governance:** Reviewing policies for data quality, security, and integrity, especially as they relate to training data for algorithms.
- **Internal Training:** Educating key personnel on the fundamental concepts of AI ethics, cybersecurity, and the digital thread.
- **Enhance the Gap Analysis section** by providing a step-by-step approach or checklist for organisations to compare their existing QMS against IA9100/IA9120 requirements, enabling targeted, efficient compliance planning.

The move to IA9100 and IA9120 represents more than just a name change; it is a critical update to ensure that the aerospace sector's commitment to quality management keeps pace with the speed of digital innovation.



Come and see us at Farnborough International Airshow!

We're really pleased to be exhibiting for the first time at the Farnborough International Airshow this year.

You'll find us in Hall 1, Stand 1120, as part of the UK stand with ADS.

As many of you will know, Auva's CEO and aerospace certification specialist, Mike Venner, has been attending Farnborough for years, meeting and speaking with people across the industry, but this is the first time we've had a stand of our own so it's a big moment for us! It's a great opportunity to meet with Mike and chat about our certification services, as well as get practical advice and support specific to your business.

We'll also be on hand to talk about the upcoming changes to AS9100 and AS9120 and what they might mean for your certifications. A good opportunity to get ahead and understand the implications early.

And of course, AI is the big topic across aerospace at the moment, especially in areas like predicting failures and improving reliability. It's still evolving,

but it's something we all need to be thinking about both in how it's used and how it's audited. We're working to make sure our clients and auditors feel confident in that space.

Graham and Eppie will join Mike on the stand. Please give us a call if you would like to meet with Mike on a specific day and time and we'll help organise that for you.

See you there!



Taking Climate-Positive action with Climate Label

Auva became Climate Neutral Certified in 2021, making us the first certification body globally to achieve this. This certification represented going further than just carbon neutrality but offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions including direct, indirect and across our supply chain. We've proudly maintained this certification since.

In 2024, Climate Neutral announced a major update to its certification programme. The process started a year earlier with input from hundreds of sustainability leaders, NGOs and businesses. A draft standard was then released in February 2024 for early stakeholder feedback, followed by several months of testing with a small

group of participating organisations. Certification under the new standard 'The Climate Label' officially launched in January 2025.

As a certified organisation, Auva was required to demonstrate compliance with the new, more robust standard which now requires organisations

to actively fund climate solutions that support decarbonisation, not simply offset their emissions.

And we're very proud to share that we achieved Climate Label certification in Q3 of 2025.

To meet the new standard, Auva has:

- Measured greenhouse gas emissions associated with delivering our services;
- Developed and is actively tracking our decarbonisation journey and carbon reduction actions;
- Funded projects that support the reduction of carbon emissions; and
- Amplified our impact through transparent disclosure, advocacy and education.

As far as we're aware, Auva remains the only certification body to have achieved this!

Our environmental commitment doesn't end there, we also have an active climate reduction plan, have invested in four tonnes of carbon into Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) research, our heating is produced by an onsite lake source heat pump and our electricity is predominantly (if not all) produced by on site solar panels.



Changes to ISO are coming

We were hoping by now we would be able to give some definite information about the amendments to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001. On the 23rd March, Auva attended a UKAS webinar on the revisions, but there are still no exact release dates.

Although ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 are at final draft, Auva does not feel it appropriate at this time to formally release guidance on the updates.

We are confident that there will be a three-year transition period allowing time to adapt, while current revisions and certificates remain valid during this period.

We will keep our client base informed as we learn more and will communicate key dates allowing clients sufficient time to proactively plan for their transition to avoid the risk of extra costs and lapses in certification.



The EU is banning empty green claims

The EU's Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition (ECGt) Directive is coming into force on the 27th September 2026, and it represents a fundamental shift for the language businesses use to promote their sustainability commitments.

For years, terms like 'green,' 'eco-friendly,' or 'sustainable' have been used by businesses on websites, in marketing collateral, and on packaging but now these descriptions need to come with clear evidence. Sustainability claims must be specific, measurable, and independently verified. This impacts any business that markets products or services in Europe.

You can be assured there is no greenwashing at Auva, we take sustainability very seriously and that is why we have invested in a specific Climate Label certification to ensure that all our sustainability commitments are continually measured and third-party verified. We are also a supporter of the Change Climate Project.

ISO 14001 can support environmental claims in terms of evidence for certifying an organisation's environmental management systems (processes). However, you cannot use ISO 14001 to label a specific product or service as eco-friendly.

UK businesses solely operating within the UK are not directly within the scope of the EU Directive but may still be subject tightening UK regulations later down the line, or if the UK rejoins the EU.



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CLIMATE
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Upcoming training courses

APRIL COURSES

QUALITY

CQI & IRCA ISO 9001:2015 Internal Auditor
14th - 15th April

CONSTRUCTION

CQI & IRCA PT210 Quality in Construction
16th - 17th April

ENVIRONMENTAL

CQI & IRCA 14001:2015 Internal Auditor
20th - 21st April

QUALITY

CQI & IRCA ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor
20th - 24th April

H&S

CQI & IRCA 45001:2018 Internal Auditor
27th - 28th April

H&S

CQI & IRCA ISO 45001:2018 Lead Auditor
27th Apr - 1st May

MAY COURSES

CONSTRUCTION

CQI & IRCA PT210 Quality in Construction
11th - 12th May

QUALITY

CQI & IRCA ISO 9001:2015 Internal Auditor
18th - 19th May

JUNE COURSES

COLLABORATION

ISO 44001 Collaborative Working Foundation
4th June

QUALITY

CQI & IRCA ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor
8th - 12th June

COLLABORATION

ISO 44001:2017 Collaborative Working Internal Auditor
9th - 10th June

HEALTH & SAFETY

CQI & IRCA 45001:2018 Internal Auditor
15th - 16th June

LEAD AUDITOR CONVERSION

CQI & IRCA ISO 14001 & 45001 Conversion
15th - 19th June

JULY COURSES

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

CQI & IRCA ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor
29th June - 3rd July

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

CQI & IRCA ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor
27th July - 31st July



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Auva completes UKAS surveillance visit

On 20 January 2026, our annual UKAS surveillance visit commenced. The assessment involved six UKAS assessors with a combination of onsite and remote audit time, with the total audit effort exceeding 20 days.

A small number of findings were raised, which have helped Auva tighten our controls and processes. We now look ahead to completing a number of witnessed audits over the coming months.

Certification transfers are up



We are seeing an increase of certification transfers at Auva. Historically, the main driver for transfers was from clients looking for a higher level of service; more recently, cost savings have become a key factor.

We understand that with the economic climate slowing and operational costs rising, businesses are looking at how they can reduce certification spend without compromising on a quality service.

We're pleased to be supporting businesses making the move to Auva and helping them potentially save significant amounts on certification.

We continue to offer free transfers and aim to make the process as simple as possible.

If you need to make savings on your certification or for your client's certification, contact the Auva team to discuss the likely savings and to find out how simple the process really is.

Auva at Hillhead 2026!



We're excited to be exhibiting at Hillhead 2026, building on a fantastic debut at the 2024 show where we connected with both our existing clients and made lots of new industry contacts.

This year's event is set to be even bigger with over 600 exhibitors, making it the UK's largest exhibition for the quarrying, construction and recycling industries.

Big news for 2026 is the show's commitment to sustainability, with the implementation of ISO 20121:2024 standard for sustainable event management. This places ESG, sustainability and environmental responsibility as key headlines for the show, topics the Auva team are very supportive of.

On the stand, our Ireland COO Paula Brady is looking forward to discussing all things certification for the industry and we'll also be bringing back our popular rugby jersey competition signed by our Chairman, Irish professional rugby union player Robbie Henshaw.

For our ARC (Auva Registered Consultants) Network, we are happy to offer you a base at the show – if you wish to attend. Just send Paula an email at paula@auva.com and she will sort that out for you!

We look forward to seeing you at Hillhead!

Location

Hillhead Quarry,
Buxton, UK

Stand

PA35

Date:

23rd -25th June 2026



Why are clients gaining ISO 27001 certification?



We've been speaking with clients about what's driving their decision to achieve ISO 27001 certification, and several clear reasons keep coming up.

Protecting sensitive data remains a top priority, alongside contractual requirements (their clients insisting on certification), and helping with regulatory compliance to promote a security culture within their business.

Beyond these, there are many personal accounts and some data online about companies increasing their sales once certified. They also report that they are able to measure the success of tenders and an increase in customer confidence. But just as importantly, many highlight a reduction in data breaches and a greater sense of confidence in their security processes.

The number of ISO 27001 certified organisations has been increasing year on year, and together with strong certification retention rates, it indicates that certified organisations are seeing a real benefit of certification and recognising its ongoing value.

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