ISO 45001 Watch

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The revision has been at close of voting since September 9, 2026, with no ballot report published. ISO expects the new standard in the first half of 2027; the transition still has no rules.

40.60

Stage at ISO

Close of voting on the Draft International Standard (DIS), since September 9, 2026.

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October 29, 2026	VG-ISO-2026-10-EN
VERSION	**EDITION**
v1.0	Public edition

IN BRIEF

1. **The revision is right where it was**
   Voting on the draft closed on September 9.
2. **What's in force, and what has changed since September 9**
   In the status of the revision, nothing.
3. **What it takes to become a standard**
   The next data point is the ballot report.

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The revision is right where it was

Voting on the draft closed on September 9. The result still isn't published.

Stage at ISO
40.60
Close of voting on the Draft International Standard (DIS), since September 9, 2026.

What gets certified today
2018
ISO 45001:2018, with its 2024 amendment. That holds until the new edition is out and the transition period ends.

Expected publication
H1 2027
What the ISO project page says today: first half of 2027.

ISO/DIS 45001 project stages, per the ISO project page



May 31, 2024	Jul 22, 2025	Apr 17, 2026	Jun 16, 2026	Sep 9, 2026	No date yet	H1 2027
Project approved	**Committee draft consultation**	**International draft registered**	**DIS ballot, 12 weeks**	**Close of voting**	**Ballot report and next step**	**Expected publication**

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What's in force, and what has changed since September 9

In the status of the revision, nothing.

In force today

- ISO 45001:2018, with its 2024 amendment, is what gets certified and audited
- The draft can still change
- The transition rules haven't been published

Since September 9

- The stage is still 40.60, close of voting
- The ballot report isn't on the project page
- Expected publication is still the first half of 2027

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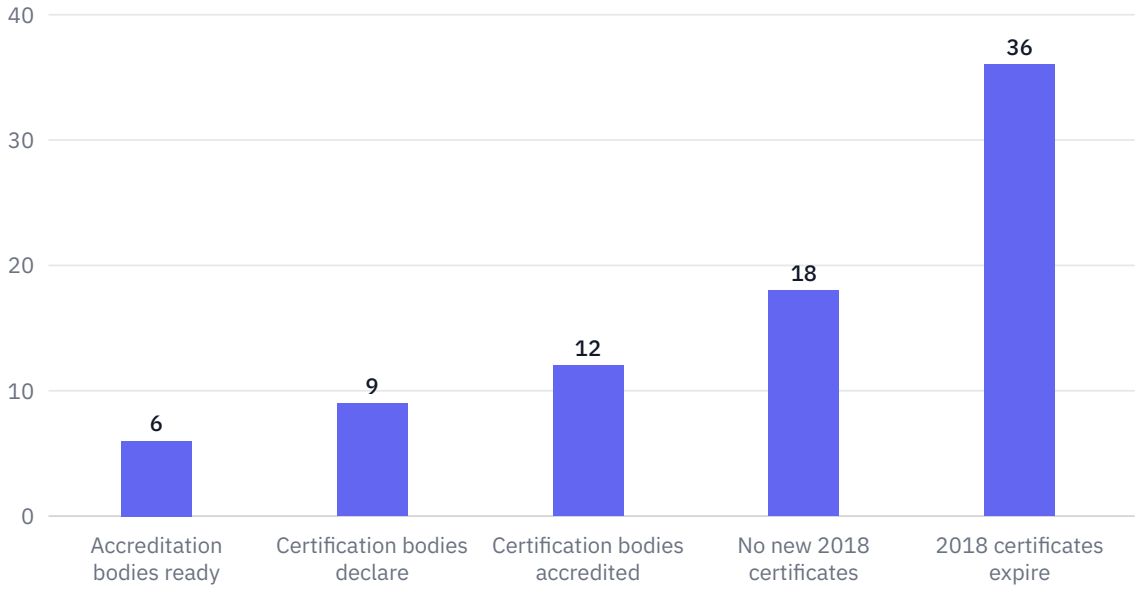
What it takes to become a standard

The next data point is the ballot report. It decides whether there's a final draft or a second draft.

Typical transition scheme, in months from publication (SQS, not official)



1. **Ballot report**
   Three possible outcomes in the ISO process: it moves to a final draft (40.99), goes to a second draft (40.93) or goes back to the committee (40.92).
2. **Final draft (FDIS)**
   Final vote, with no substantive changes.
3. **Publication**
   ISO expects it in the first half of 2027.
4. **Transition**
   The deadlines are set by the international accreditation body, not by ISO. It hasn't published them yet.

Weeks since voting closed

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From September 9 to October 28, with no ballot report on the project page.

Typical transition

3 years

From publication, according to certification bodies. Not official until the rules are out.

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