



# Environmental Management Systems - BS8555

FREE step-by-step three day implementation course

**Wednesday 22 April 2009**

Phase 1: Commitment and establishing the baseline.

**Wednesday 20 May 2009**

Phase 2: Identifying and ensuring compliance with legal and other requirements.

**Wednesday 24 June 2009**

Phase 3: Developing objectives, targets and programmes.

## Why you should attend

An Environmental Management System (EMS) can help you manage your business's environmental performance, identify effective ways to improve, and monitor progress. It offers a structured way to demonstrate your commitment and improvements to stakeholders and customers.

EMS can provide a structure to identify resource saving opportunities, minimise risks and ensure legal compliance.

This training course will provide businesses with the tools and knowledge to achieve the formal BS8555 EMS standard over a step-by-step course. BS8555 is designed for small and medium sized businesses and offers a staged approach towards ISO14001.



## The BS8555 framework

The BS8555 framework has been developed to allow businesses to receive step-wise certification for the work they are undertaking to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS). It is an excellent starting point for your business if you are unsure about whether you can commit the time and resources to implement a full EMS.

Your business can receive certification for each of the six BS8555 phases. Each consists of specific requirements, making implementation more manageable:

1. Commitment and establishing the baseline
2. Identifying and ensuring compliance with legal and other requirements
3. Developing objectives, targets, and programmes
4. Implementation and operation of the EMS
5. Checking, audit and management review
6. EMS acknowledgement (equivalent to ISO14001 or EMAS)

This training course covers phases 1-3. Businesses typically seek training on phases 4 and 5 at a later stage, and can be available as an additional one day training course. Phase 6 is the progression towards accreditation according to the international ISO14001 or EMAS standards. To become accredited, you must pay for an inspection by a third-party UKAS inspection body.

## Benefits to your business

- Optional certification at each completed phase
- Building blocks for ISO14001 or EMAS certification
- Monitor and measure environmental impacts for internal/external reporting
- Cost savings from resource efficiency and waste management
- Enhance your business credibility and competitive advantage
- Ensure compliance with legal and client requirements

## Course outline

This three-day course will take you through phases 1-3 of the BS8555 framework through presentations, discussions and interactive workshops, including training tasks and team work exercises.

Upon completion of each training day, delegates are expected to implement elements of the accreditation within their business, using the tools provided during the course. In order to facilitate this and apply learning in the workplace, half-day follow-up visits can be arranged for a separate fee.

## Who should attend

Businesses located within London Borough of Richmond upon Thames are invited to book places for Facilities, Operations, Finance, Environmental, Health and Safety, and Office Managers.

Up to two delegates per business can attend the course. Additional delegates will be charged £500.

## Sign up today!

The course is **free of charge** and places are limited!

To register, please contact Sophie Maqsood at [sophie.maqsood@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:sophie.maqsood@richmond.gov.uk) or by phone on 020 8891 7332 by **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009**.

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