

PECB LA: ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Lead Auditor

Lead ISO/IEC 27001 audits from opening meeting to final report, with practised interviewing and evidence skills.

DURATION

5 days · 40 hours

LEVEL

Advanced

CURRICULUM

15 modules · 7 labs

DELIVERY

Live online, Onsite,
Corporate

Course overview

A good ISMS auditor does far more than tick clauses. They plan an audit that targets the riskiest areas, interview people without leading them, sample evidence sensibly, and write findings that are fair, traceable and useful. This five-day course develops those skills for first-party, second-party and third-party audits of an information security management system based on ISO/IEC 27001:2022.

Day one revisits the standard from an auditor's angle: its clauses, the Annex A controls and what conforming evidence typically looks like. Day two introduces audit concepts and principles drawn from the auditing guidelines and certification requirements, including risk-based auditing, evidence and materiality. Day three covers preparation: the audit programme, stage 1 review, audit planning and work documents. Day four is the on-site audit itself, with opening meetings, interviews, observation, sampling and the drafting of nonconformities. Day five covers closing the audit, reporting, follow-up, managing an audit programme, and exam readiness.

Practice is central. Working in small groups on a fictional organisation, you will build an audit plan and checklists, conduct mock interviews with the trainer playing auditee roles, evaluate documents and records, and write up findings. The trainer reviews each group's nonconformity statements so you learn how to make them precise and defensible.

This course is aligned to the PECB Certified ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor exam. Ace Skills Consulting does not provide PECB-licensed courseware; confirm the current exam rules and credential requirements with PECB before booking.

Highlights

- 40 hours of live, trainer-led sessions
- Audit principles based on ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021-1
- Role-play audit with interviews, sampling and findings
- Practice writing clear, evidence-based nonconformities
- Exam preparation for the PECB Lead Auditor exam

What's included

- Trainer with experience auditing information security management systems
- Full audit cycle: programme, planning, fieldwork, reporting, follow-up
- Role-play interviews and evidence sampling
- Feedback on nonconformity statements you write
- Checklist and audit plan templates
- Practice questions and mock exam
- Course completion certificate from Ace Skills Consulting

Who this course is for

Who should attend

- Internal auditors of information security
- Auditors who want to work for certification bodies
- Consultants preparing clients for certification
- Information security and compliance managers
- Supplier and vendor assurance professionals

Prerequisites

- Basic understanding of information security and ISO/IEC 27001
- Some audit or compliance experience is helpful
- Credential levels require audit experience as defined by PECB

Detailed curriculum — 5 days, 40 hours, 15 modules, 7 hands-on labs

Day 1 ISO/IEC 27001 from the Auditor's View

8 hours

1.1 Standards and certification

- ISO/IEC 27000 family
- Role of certification bodies
- Certification scheme and accreditation

1.2 ISMS requirements

- Clauses 4–10 and expected evidence
- Statement of Applicability as an audit input
- Annex A themes and controls

LAB Identify the evidence you would request for each clause · 50 min

1.3 Common implementation weaknesses

- Scope and risk process gaps
- Weak management review
- Paper-only controls

Day 2 Audit Concepts and Principles

8 hours

2.1 Audit fundamentals

- Audit principles and auditor ethics
- Audit criteria, evidence and conclusions
- First-, second- and third-party audits

2.2 Risk-based auditing

- Risk-based approach to audit
- Audit sampling methods
- Materiality and significance

LAB Choose a sampling approach for access reviews · 35 min

2.3 Evidence and findings

- Types and sources of evidence
- Major and minor nonconformities
- Conformity and nonconformity
- Opportunities for improvement

Day 3 Preparing the Audit

8 hours

3.1 Initiating the audit

- Audit objectives, scope and criteria
- Communication with the auditee
- Feasibility and team selection

3.2 Stage 1 audit

- Documentation review
- Stage 1 report
- Readiness assessment

LAB Conduct a stage 1 documentation review · 50 min

3.3 Planning stage 2

- Audit plan
- Allocating time and auditors
- Work documents and checklists

LAB Build an audit plan and checklist for the case organisation · 50 min

Day 4 Conducting the Audit

8 hours

4.1 On-site activities

- Opening meeting
- Technical verification of controls
- Interviews and observation
- Managing time and the audit team

4.2 Interview skills

- Open and probing questions
- Handling difficult auditees
- Avoiding leading questions

LAB Role-play audit interviews with feedback · 60 min

4.3 Drafting findings

- Writing nonconformity statements
- Team review of findings
- Evaluating evidence against criteria

LAB Write and peer-review nonconformities · 45 min

Day 5 Closing, Follow-up and Exam Readiness

8 hours

5.1 Closing the audit

- Audit conclusions
- Audit report
- Closing meeting
- Certification recommendation

5.2 After the audit

- Corrective action plans
- Surveillance and recertification audits
- Follow-up and verification
- Managing an audit programme

5.3 Exam readiness

- Competency domains review
- Mock exam and review
- Scenario-based questions

LAB Mock exam with scenario questions · 90 min

Skills and tools

Skills you will build

ISO/IEC 27001:2022

ISMS auditing

Audit planning

Audit programme management

Evidence sampling

Audit interviewing

Nonconformity writing

Audit reporting

Corrective action follow-up

Annex A controls

Stage 1 and stage 2 audits

Tools used in class

Audit plan template

Audit checklists

Nonconformity report template

Sample ISMS documentation set

Certification exam

This course is aligned to the exam below and prepares you for it. The exam itself is booked and taken with the vendor.

Exam	PECB Certified ISO/IEC 27001 Lead Auditor
Exam code	PECB LA
Official page	https://pecb.com/en/education-and-certification-for-individuals/iso-iec-27001

Exam skill areas covered

1. Fundamental concepts of an information security management system

Exam details are pending verification. Confirm the current exam code, format and fee on the official vendor page before booking.

Frequently asked questions

Will I be qualified to audit for a certification body after this course?

The course and exam are one step. Certification bodies also expect audit experience and their own internal qualification, and PECB credential levels depend on documented experience.

Is the exam included?

Exam arrangements depend on the batch. Ask our team before enrolling and confirm the current exam rules with PECB.

Do I need to have implemented an ISMS first?

No, but familiarity with ISO/IEC 27001 helps. Day one reviews the requirements from an auditor's perspective.

Is this useful for internal auditors?

Yes. The same planning, interviewing and reporting skills apply to internal audits and supplier audits.

Can we run a private batch for our audit team?

Yes. Request a corporate quote for an online or onsite batch.

Book a batch or talk to an advisor

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