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ISO 9001 Auditing Practices Group

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It has developed a number of guidance papers and presentations that contain ideas, examples and explanations about the auditing of QMSs. These reflect the process-based approach that is essential for auditing the requirements of ISO 9001 Quality management systems - Requirements.

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