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Introduction to the ISO 9001 Auditing Practices Group

The *ISO 9001 Auditing Practices Group* is an informal group of quality management system (QMS) experts, auditors and practitioners drawn from the ISO Technical Committee 176 *Quality Management and Quality Assurance* (ISO/TC 176) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

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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