GROWING TOGETHER
AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO STANDARDS
The pace of change just keeps accelerating. And it’s the organizations that can match, or even beat, this pace that succeed. But how can you hope to keep up if different parts of your organization are working in different – even conflicting – ways?

The dictionary defines an organization as the “co-ordination of parts or elements into an organic whole”. But although many organizations combine different functions, they’re often far from co-ordinated: each department can easily become a little “empire” of its own, remarkably separate from the others, with its own internal processes, objectives and standards.

It may work, but it’s far from the most efficient way to succeed – especially in these rapidly developing times.

How much more successful could your organization be, if you took the best of each set of competing internal systems, and created a single, integrated management system that encompassed them all?

Under such a system, your organization becomes a unified whole, with each function aligned behind a single goal: improving the performance of the entire organization. Instead of “silos”, you have a genuinely co-ordinated system: one that’s greater than the sum of its parts, and can achieve more than ever before.

An integrated system provides a clear, holistic picture of all aspects of your organization, how they affect each other, and their associated risks. There is less duplication, and it becomes easier to adopt new systems in future.

BSI has introduced PAS 99 to help you achieve this unity. The PAS (Publicly Available Specification) is a way for organizations that already have a combination of formal management system standards (such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001) to create the framework for integrating these within a single system.

PAS 99 shows the world that you’re meeting all your responsibilities, as well as giving confidence to potential customers, suppliers, investors and stakeholders. Even more importantly, it helps you unite your business behind a common purpose: winning through in an ever more competitive world.
**Integration** brings many benefits. In strategic and management terms, a unified system means clarity and consistency across every aspect of the organization, with every function focused on improving the organization’s performance. There are also clear financial benefits in simplifying your systems and bureaucracy, and reducing duplication.

An integrated system also means every decision can be seen in the context of the whole organization; you can see how change in one area might affect others. And with areas of responsibility clarified from the beginning, there are no more conflicts of discipline.

**Tell the world**  PAS 99 certification tells the world you’ve successfully integrated your systems. This isn’t just nice PR – it can make a real difference to your business’s bottom line.

PAS 99 reassures all those outside your organization of the quality of your systems, removing barriers to trade and helping you meet contractual requirements. It provides transparency and authority, strengthening your brand, attracting investment and cementing relationships with stakeholders. In short, implementing PAS 99 can sharpen your competitive edge and save you money.

**Towards registration**

Once you have a single, unified system that incorporates two or more standards (such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 or ISO/IEC 27001), and it complies with PAS 99, your system can be registered.

This isn’t just a matter of auditing a number of systems at once, though. Or wrapping several sets of procedures into one manual. It’s about bringing the best of all your systems together into just one system, incorporating all current and future processes. PAS 99 proves that you’ve achieved this critical objective.

But PAS 99 isn’t about adding to the workload of normal certification. On the contrary, once you’re registered, that should make certification to the individual standards considerably easier, simplifying the assessment process for internal and external parties alike.

However, please note that conforming to PAS 99 doesn’t in itself ensure that you’re complying with any other formal or informal management system standards or specifications. But if you do adopt PAS 99, our assessment process will give you the support you need to meet the compliance requirements of the individual standards incorporated in your integrated management system.
If you’re currently a BSI client, with various standards already in place, your Client Manager can help you assess where you are now, and guide you through the registration process. If you’re new to BSI, don’t worry: it’s still a simple process.

For over 100 years, BSI has led the way in developing the whole concept of standards. Today we provide assessment, certification and training to organizations across the world, with over 60,000 certified locations in 86 countries.

BECOMING REGISTERED

Make contact
Get in touch and tell us what you need, so we can sort out the best services for you. We’ll give you a proposal detailing the cost and time involved in a formal assessment.

Your assessment team
We’ll assign you a Lead Assessor, who will be your main point of contact through the process - and beyond. He or she will know your area of business well, and support you throughout the process of assessing and registering your integrated management system.

Review and audit
We’ll do a desktop review of your integrated management system against PAS 99, and identify any omissions or weaknesses that need resolving before formal assessment. Once these have been addressed, we’ll conduct a full on-site assessment.

Registration and beyond
Once the assessment’s successfully completed, we’ll issue a certificate of registration, clearly explaining the scope of your integrated management system. The certificate is valid for three years, and your assessor will visit you regularly to help you make sure you remain compliant, and support you in the continual improvement of your systems.

YOU CAN RELY ON BSI

With more full-time assessors than any other certification body, each carefully matched to the client’s area of business, we can ensure consistency of experience, expertise and engagement. We also invest heavily in training, ensuring that our assessors can go beyond the technical scope of the audit itself, and be proactive in helping you improve your organization’s performance.

Naturally, you’d expect whoever is assessing you to have their own proof of credentials. BSI has twenty accreditations worldwide: independent assurance that we work to internationally agreed standards of quality and service.

The certificate is not the end. As long as you’re registered with BSI, you can contact your assessor any time for help and support. You can also promote your registration on our global directory, and use the BSI registered logo to demonstrate your registration to the world. Like you, we’re alwways looking for ways to improve, and we now offer electronic certificates and reports through our dedicated client extranets. You’ll also be invited to our many events, and will receive our regular newsletter covering all the latest developments in management systems standards and training.

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