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Established in 1995, CARSQA Limited was formed to offer impartial certification and inspection services to the automotive industry as a leading compliance body. Since then CARSQA has built its client base from having a reputation that you can trust.



The CARSQA marque has become synonymous with quality and is widely recognised by the industry and its volume purchasers, such as insurance companies and fleet buyers.

CARSQA has a Governing Board, which is made up of executives from leading organisations that have an interest in the motor industry as either consumers, suppliers or members of the industry. These include some of the top trade associations and vehicle manufacturers based in the United Kingdom and centres of professional excellence. CARSQA is also accredited by the Department of Trade and Industry via the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (formerly the NACCB) for its quality certification service. This accreditation, being accepted through out the world as a bench-mark of quality, provides CARSQA with international recognition.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Environmental issues have come to the forefront in recent years with greater awareness amongst legislators, insurers, financiers, shareholders, customers, employees and the general public. Concern for the environment has forced the international community to look at ways of reducing the impact on the environment to ensure it is protected for future generations. These have mainly taken the form of legislation and regulations. Breaches of such legislation and disregard for the environment generally are becoming costly in terms of liability, publicity and health.

ISO 14001 can be used as a tool for ensuring compliance to the extensive environmental

legislative requirements, reducing your risk of prosecution and fostering more awareness amongst employees.

Gap Analysis

Health Check Assessments are designed to help you identify actions that need to be taken to allow you to comply with the Standard.

During this visit the assessor shall discuss and provide practical advice and guidance on any problems found, together with any improvements that could be made within the systems or the business.

This advice and guidance is given on the basis of their years of invaluable experience within the industry, and is often related back to their own experiences with real life examples. Therefore, you can feel safe in the knowledge that the guidance they provide is correct and based upon sound business principles and the latest industry thinking.

This visit also includes a review of your documented system, to allow it to be checked against the working practice for Improvements to be identified in the documentation or working practice.

Health Check Assessments can be conducted at any stage of your certification, i.e. whether you are just about to start implementing your systems, or are currently finalising your systems ready for a Certification Assessment.