PECB Certified ISO 37001
Lead Auditor

Master the audit of anti-bribery management systems based on ISO 37001.

Why should you take this training course?

Bribery is a phenomenon that has plagued the private and public sector for a long time now. If this problem is not uprooted, economic development, or development in a general sense, is almost impossible. To address bribery and help organizations keep processes in check, ISO has published the ISO 37001 standard, which outlines the requirements for the implementation of an anti-bribery management system (ABMS). PECB training courses, on the other hand, provide you with the methodology – in a very practical sense – needed for implementing and auditing an ABMS.

The PECB Certified ISO 37001 Lead Auditor training course equips you with the knowledge and skills to conduct anti-bribery management system (ABMS) audits using widely recognized audit principles, procedures, and techniques.

Organizations worldwide seek skilled auditors to evaluate the effectiveness of anti-bribery policies and controls within an ISO 37001:2025-based ABMS. This course prepares you to assess, plan, and execute audits effectively while ensuring compliance with ISO 19011 (guidelines for auditing management systems) and ISO/IEC 17021-1 (certification process requirements).

Why is this training course more desirable than the others?

This course merges theory with practice to facilitate learning and understanding not just of auditing in general, but auditing an ABMS in particular. The general auditing knowledge and best practices are provided by well-known and well-established auditing standards that are applied worldwide.

Upon completing the course, you can take the certification exam. After passing the exam, you will earn the internationally recognized “PECB Certified ISO 37001 Lead Auditor” credential, validating your ability to audit organizations for compliance with ISO 37001 requirements.

What will the certification allow you to do?

The successful completion of the training course is followed by an exam. If you pass the exam, you can apply for the “PECB Certified ISO 37001 Lead Auditor” credential. An IAS accredited and internationally recognized “PECB ISO 37001 Lead Auditor” certificate validates your professional capabilities and demonstrates your ability to audit an ABMS based on ISO 37001.

Certification is the formal recognition and proof of knowledge which carries an important weight when you are entering the labor market, or when you want to advance in your career. A certified ABMS auditor will be able to audit an ABMS, serve as an audit team leader, or provide consultancy services in some cases for the improvement of the ABMS.

Who should attend this training course?

The ISO 37001 Lead Auditor training course is intended for:

- Auditors seeking to perform and lead ABMS audits
- Managers or consultants seeking to master the ABMS audit process
- Individuals responsible for maintaining conformity to ISO 37001 requirements in an organization
- Technical experts seeking to prepare for an ABMS audit
- Expert advisors in anti-bribery management

Course agenda

Duration: 5 days

Day 1 | Introduction to the anti-bribery management system (ABMS) and ISO 37001

- Training course objectives and structure
- Introduction to ISO 37001 and management systems
- Certification process
- Fundamental concepts and principles of anti-bribery
- Overview of ISO 37001 requirements

Day 2 | Audit principles and the preparation for and initiation of an audit

- Fundamental audit concepts and principles
- The impact of trends and technology in auditing
- Evidence-based auditing
- Risk-based auditing
- Initiation of the audit process
- Stage 1 audit

Day 3 | On-site audit activities

- Preparing for stage 2 audit
- Stage 2 audit
- Communication during the audit
- Audit procedures
- Creating audit test plans

Day 4 | Closing of the audit

- Drafting audit findings and nonconformity reports
- Audit documentation and quality review
- Closing of the audit
- Evaluation of action plans by the auditor
- Beyond the initial audit
- Managing an internal audit program
- Closing of the training course

Day 5 | Certification exam

Learning objectives

By the end of this training course, the participants will be able to:

- Explain the fundamental concepts and principles of an anti-bribery management system (ABMS) based on ISO 37001
- Interpret the ISO 37001 requirements for an ABMS from the perspective of an auditor
- Evaluate the ABMS conformity to ISO 37001 requirements, in accordance with the fundamental audit concepts and principles
- Plan, conduct, and close an ISO 37001 compliance audit, in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1 requirements, ISO 19011 guidelines, and other best practices of auditing
- Manage an ISO 37001 audit program

Examination

Duration: 3 hours

The PECB Certified ISO 37001 Lead Auditor exam fully meets the requirements of the PECB Examination and Certification Program (ECP). It covers the following competency domains:

Domain 1 | Fundamental principles and concepts of an anti-bribery management system

Domain 2 | Anti-bribery management system requirements

Domain 3 | Fundamental audit concepts and principles

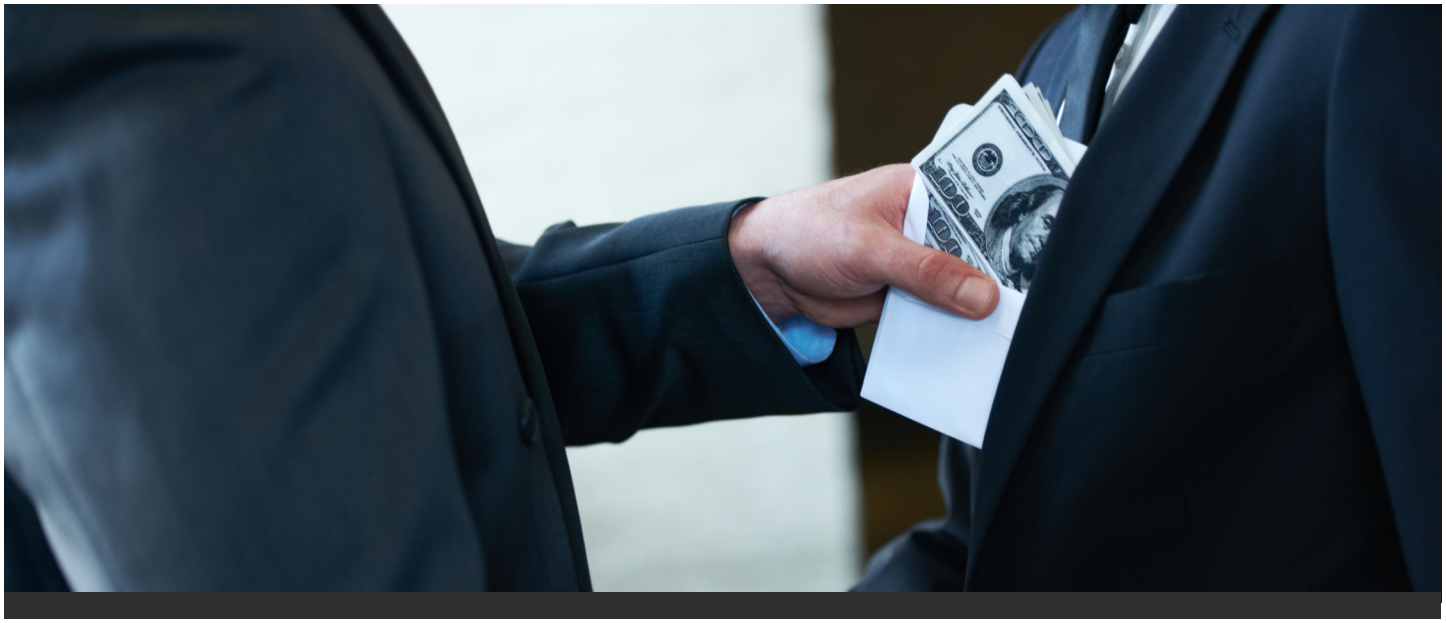
Domain 4 | Preparing an ISO 37001 audit

Domain 5 | Conducting an ISO 37001 audit

Domain 6 | Closing an ISO 37001 audit

Domain 7 | Managing an ISO 37001 audit program

For specific information about exam type, languages available, and other details, please visit the List of PECB Exams and the Examination Rules and Policies.



Certification

Upon the successful completion of the exam, you can apply for one of the credentials shown in the table below. You will receive a certificate once you fulfill all the requirements related to the selected credential.

For more information about the ISO 37001 certifications and the PECB certification process, please refer to the Certification Rules and Policies.

Professional Credential	Education	Exam	Professional experience	MS audit/ assessment experience	Other requirements
ISO 37001 Provisional Auditor	At least secondary education	ISO 37001 Lead Auditor exam	None	None	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
ISO 37001 Auditor			2 years (1 in anti-bribery management)	200 hours	
ISO 37001 Lead Auditor			5 years (2 in anti-bribery management)	300 hours	
ISO 37001 Senior Lead Auditor			10 years (7 in anti-bribery management)	1,000 hours	

Note: *: PECB Certified individuals who hold both the Lead Implementer and Lead Auditor credentials are eligible to apply for the PECB Master Credential, provided they have completed four additional Foundation Exams, have 15 years of professional experience (including 10 years in anti-bribery management), and have completed 700 hours of audit activities and 700 hours of project activities. For more detailed information about the Foundation Exams and the overall Master Requirements, please visit the following link: pecb/master-credentials.*

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General information

- Certification and examination fees are included in the price of the training course.
- PECB will provide training material of over 450 pages of information and practical examples.
- An attestation of course completion worth 31 CPD (Continuing Professional Development) credits will be issued to participants who have attended the training course.
- Candidates who have completed the training course but failed the exam are eligible to retake the exam once for free within a 12-month period from the initial date of the exam.