Quality Management for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Quality Assurance and ISO standards	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. To understand the fundamentals of quality management for SMEs.
2. To explore ISO standards and their relevance to small businesses.
3. To identify cost-effective quality assurance practices.
4. To analyze risk management techniques for SMEs.
5. To apply process improvement methodologies for efficiency.
6. To develop customer-centric quality strategies.
7. To adopt digital tools for quality monitoring and control.
8. To implement employee engagement and training for quality culture.
9. To explore supplier and stakeholder quality integration.
10. To evaluate performance using quality metrics and KPIs.
11. To prepare SMEs for certification and compliance audits.
12. To integrate sustainability within quality management systems.
13. To foster innovation and resilience through continuous improvement.

Organizational Benefits

1. Enhanced customer trust and brand reputation.
2. Increased operational efficiency and reduced wastage.
3. Stronger market competitiveness and profitability.
4. Improved employee morale and engagement.
5. Better compliance with regulatory requirements.
6. Reduced risks and improved decision-making.
7. Consistency in product and service delivery.
8. Enhanced ability to attract partnerships and investors.
9. Improved long-term sustainability and resilience.
10. Faster adaptation to global market changes.

Target Audiences

1. SME business owners and entrepreneurs.
2. Quality assurance officers.
3. Production and operations managers.
4. Supply chain managers.
5. Human resource managers.
6. Customer service managers.
7. Compliance officers.
8. Business development managers.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Quality Management in SMEs

- Understanding the concept of quality in SMEs.
- Importance of quality for growth and competitiveness.
- Common challenges SMEs face in managing quality.
- Basics of Total Quality Management (TQM).
- Key global trends in SME quality management.
- Case study: Quality failures and lessons from SME case examples.

Module 2: ISO Standards and Certification for SMEs

- Overview of ISO 9001 and other relevant standards.
- Steps for SMEs to prepare for certification.
- Documentation requirements for compliance.
- Benefits of certification for market access.
- Overcoming barriers to ISO adoption in SMEs.
- Case study: SME success story with ISO certification.

Module 3: Quality Planning and Policy Development

- Importance of quality policy in SMEs.
- Developing vision and mission aligned with quality.
- Setting SMART quality objectives.
- Linking quality goals with organizational strategy.
- Role of leadership in policy implementation.
- Case study: Policy-driven quality transformation in an SME.

Module 4: Risk Management in Quality Systems

- Identifying risks affecting SME operations.
- Tools for assessing and prioritizing risks.
- Integrating risk management into quality planning.
- Preventive measures for quality failures.
- Business continuity strategies for SMEs.
- Case study: Risk management application in an SME.

Module 5: Process Improvement for SMEs

- Mapping processes to identify inefficiencies.
- Lean management tools for SMEs.
- Introduction to Six Sigma basics.
- Waste reduction and resource optimization.
- Monitoring process efficiency metrics.
- Case study: Process reengineering in a manufacturing SME.

Module 6: Customer-Centric Quality Management

- Understanding customer expectations and needs.
- Tools for collecting and analyzing customer feedback.
- Building customer loyalty through quality.
- Strategies for improving service quality.
- Linking quality to customer satisfaction metrics.

- Case study: Customer-focused SME turnaround.

Module 7: Supplier and Stakeholder Quality Integration

- Importance of supplier quality management.
- Building long-term supplier relationships.
- Supplier evaluation and monitoring techniques.
- Integrating stakeholders in quality initiatives.
- Supplier development programs for SMEs.
- Case study: Supplier quality collaboration success.

Module 8: Human Resource Development for Quality Culture

- Role of employees in quality success.
- Training and upskilling staff for quality management.
- Motivating employees through recognition.
- Linking HR policies to quality objectives.
- Building cross-functional quality teams.
- Case study: HR-driven quality excellence in SMEs.

Module 9: Quality Audits and Compliance

- Internal vs external audits for SMEs.
- Preparing SMEs for compliance audits.
- Audit checklists and tools.
- Addressing non-conformities effectively.
- Building a continuous audit cycle.
- Case study: Audit success story in an SME.

Module 10: Digital Tools for Quality Management

- Introduction to digital quality platforms.
- Using data analytics for quality improvement.
- Role of automation in monitoring quality.
- Leveraging cloud-based solutions.
- Affordable digital tools for SMEs.
- Case study: Digital transformation in SME quality systems.

Module 11: Measuring Performance and KPIs

- Key performance indicators for SMEs.
- Tools for tracking and reporting quality performance.
- Linking KPIs to business strategy.
- Using benchmarking for continuous improvement.
- Addressing performance gaps through analysis.
- Case study: KPI-driven growth in SMEs.

Module 12: Sustainability and Quality in SMEs

- Integrating sustainability with quality systems.
- Eco-friendly process improvement practices.
- Waste minimization and green technologies.

- Global sustainability standards for SMEs.
- Building stakeholder trust through sustainability.
- Case study: Green SME success story.

Module 13: Continuous Improvement and Innovation

- Philosophy of Kaizen for SMEs.
- Fostering innovation for product quality.
- Employee involvement in improvement.
- Tools for monitoring incremental changes.
- Linking innovation to long-term quality.
- Case study: Innovation-led SME growth.

Module 14: Strategic Quality Management

- Linking quality to competitive strategy.
- Developing a roadmap for quality success.
- Aligning quality initiatives with market trends.
- Strategic partnerships for quality enhancement.
- Long-term planning for global competitiveness.
- Case study: Strategic positioning of an SME through quality.

Module 15: Capstone Project and Case Presentations

- Participants develop quality improvement plans.
- Group presentations on SME case studies.
- Peer review and trainer feedback.
- Lessons learned and practical takeaways.
- Building action plans for implementation.
- Case study: Final project analysis of SME quality integration.

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and discussions.
- Group exercises and practical activities.
- Real-world SME case study analysis.
- Role plays and simulations.
- Hands-on quality management tools application.
- Expert guest speakers from SME industries.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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