

OHSAS Project Group

Results of the survey into the availability of OH&S Standards and Certificates, up until 2009-12-31

1. Introduction

Following the success of the surveys on standards and certificates that have been conducted in previous years the OHSAS Project Group was requested to conduct a similar survey for 2009.

A summary of the results is presented below, with the full data given on the next page of this file.

For several reasons, the OHSAS Project Group was unable to receive inputs from a number of the contributors to the 2007 survey. This should be taken into account when analysing the 2009 data. Additionally, while a number of contributors gave separate indications of OHSAS 18001:1999 versus OHSAS 18001:2007 certifications, overall we had insufficient data on this separation, so have chosen to combine this data.

The growth in the number of certificates has been significant over this period with approximately a 70% rise in comparison to 2007.

2. Summary of results

Date of Survey	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
No of Requirements documents in use*	44	no data	43	33	44	38	23
No. of Guidance documents available	46	no data	46	46	43	42	31
No. of countries where certification has occurred	116	no data	102	82	82	82	70
Additional countries considering the use of OH&S documents	1	no data	3	4	3	6	2
Total no. of certificates reported	56251	no data	32981	26222	16772	14019	8399
Total no. of OHSAS 18001 (or equivalent) certificates reported	54357	no data	31512	24656	15185	11091	3898

* OHSAS equivalent documents were not separately counted. Also the VDA and SCC documents were only included once