

A graphic of 3D cubes, some silver and some red, arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some cubes appearing to be floating or falling.

PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor

Master the Audit of Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS) based on ISO 22301

Why should you attend?

Given the increasing number of disruptions and the unpredictability of disasters of any kind (natural, occupational, information security), organizations nowadays are aiming at getting certified against ISO 22301 in order to show commitment toward business continuity and ensure that disruptive incidents are detected and properly addressed, thus the management system is continually improved. By becoming a PECB certified auditor, you will achieve a formal and independent recognition of your personal competences, and you qualify yourself to conduct BCMS audits for a certification body.

Recognizing the importance of an effective audit and the means used to successfully conduct it, PECB has designed the ISO 22301 Lead Auditor training course. Attending this training course allows you to obtain the knowledge and skills to plan and carry out audits in compliance with ISO 19011 and the certification process according to ISO/IEC 17021-1.

Through interactive sessions, explanatory information, exercises, and questions for discussion, you will be able to acquire knowledge on the business continuity management system as well as audit techniques and become competent to perform a BCMS audit by applying widely recognized audit principles, procedures, and techniques, and to manage an audit program and an audit team.

After attending the training course, you can sit for the exam and, if you successfully pass the exam, you can apply for the “PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor” credential. The internationally recognized “PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor” certificate will prove that you have the professional capabilities and competences to audit organizations based on the requirements of ISO 22301 and auditing best practices.



Who should attend?

- Auditors seeking to perform and lead business continuity management system (BCMS) audits
- Managers or consultants seeking to master the business continuity management system audit process
- Individuals responsible to maintain conformity with the BCMS requirements in an organization
- Technical experts seeking to prepare for the business continuity management system audit
- Expert advisors in business continuity management

Course agenda

Duration: 5 days

Day 1 | Introduction to business continuity management system (BCMS) and ISO 22301

- Training course objectives and structure
- Standards and regulatory frameworks
- Certification process
- Fundamental principles of business continuity
- Business continuity management system (BCMS)

Day 2 | Audit principles, preparation, and initiation of an audit

- Fundamental audit concepts and principles
- The impact of trends and technology in auditing
- Evidence-based auditing
- Risk-based auditing
- Audit feasibility
- Stage 1 audit

Day 3 | On-site audit activities

- Preparing for stage 2 audit (on-site 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

- Understand a business continuity management system (BCMS) and its processes based on ISO 22301
- Acknowledge the relationship between ISO 22301 and other standards and regulatory frameworks
- Understand the auditor's role in planning, leading, and following up on a BCMS audit in accordance with ISO 19011
- Interpret the requirements of ISO 22301 in the context of a BCMS audit
- Plan an audit, lead a team of auditors, draft reports, and follow up on an audit
- Act with due professional care during an audit

Examination

Duration: 3 hours

The "PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor" exam complies with the PECB Examination and Certification Program (ECP) requirements. The exam covers the following competency domains:

- Domain 1** | Fundamental principles and concepts of a business continuity management system (BCMS)
- Domain 2** | Business Continuity Management System (BCMS)
- Domain 3** | Fundamental audit concepts and principles
- Domain 4** | Preparing an ISO 22301 audit
- Domain 5** | Conducting an ISO 22301 audit
- Domain 6** | Closing an ISO 22301 audit
- Domain 7** | Managing an ISO 22301 audit program

For more information about exam details, please visit [Examination Rules and Policies](#).



Certification

After successfully passing the exam, you can apply for the credential shown on the table below. You will receive the certificate once you comply with all the requirements related to the selected credential.

For more information about ISO 22301 certifications and the PECB certification process, please refer to the [Certification Rules and Policies](#).

Credential	Exam	Professional experience	BCMS audit/assessment experience	Other requirements
PECB Certified ISO 22301 Provisional Auditor	PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor exam or equivalent	None	None	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
PECB Certified ISO 22301 Auditor	PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor exam or equivalent	Two years: One year of work experience in BC management	Audit activities: a total of 200 hours	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor	PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor exam or equivalent	Five years: Two years of work experience in BC management	Audit activities: a total of 300 hours	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics
PECB Certified ISO 22301 Senior Lead Auditor	PECB Certified ISO 22301 Lead Auditor exam or equivalent	Ten years: Seven years of work experience in BC management	Audit activities: a total of 1,000 hours	Signing the PECB Code of Ethics

Note: PECB Certified individuals who possess the Lead Implementer and Lead Auditor credentials are qualified for the respective **PECB Master Credential**, given that they have taken four additional Foundation exams which are related to this scheme. For more detailed information about the Foundation exams and the overall Master credential requirements, please visit: <https://pecb.com/en/master-credentials>.

General information

- Certification fees are included in the exam price.
- Participants will be provided with the training material containing over 450 pages of explanatory information and practical examples.
- An Attendance Record worth 31 CPD (Continuing Professional Development) credits will be issued to participants who have attended the training course.
- In case candidates fail the exam, they can retake the exam within 12 months following the initial exam for free.