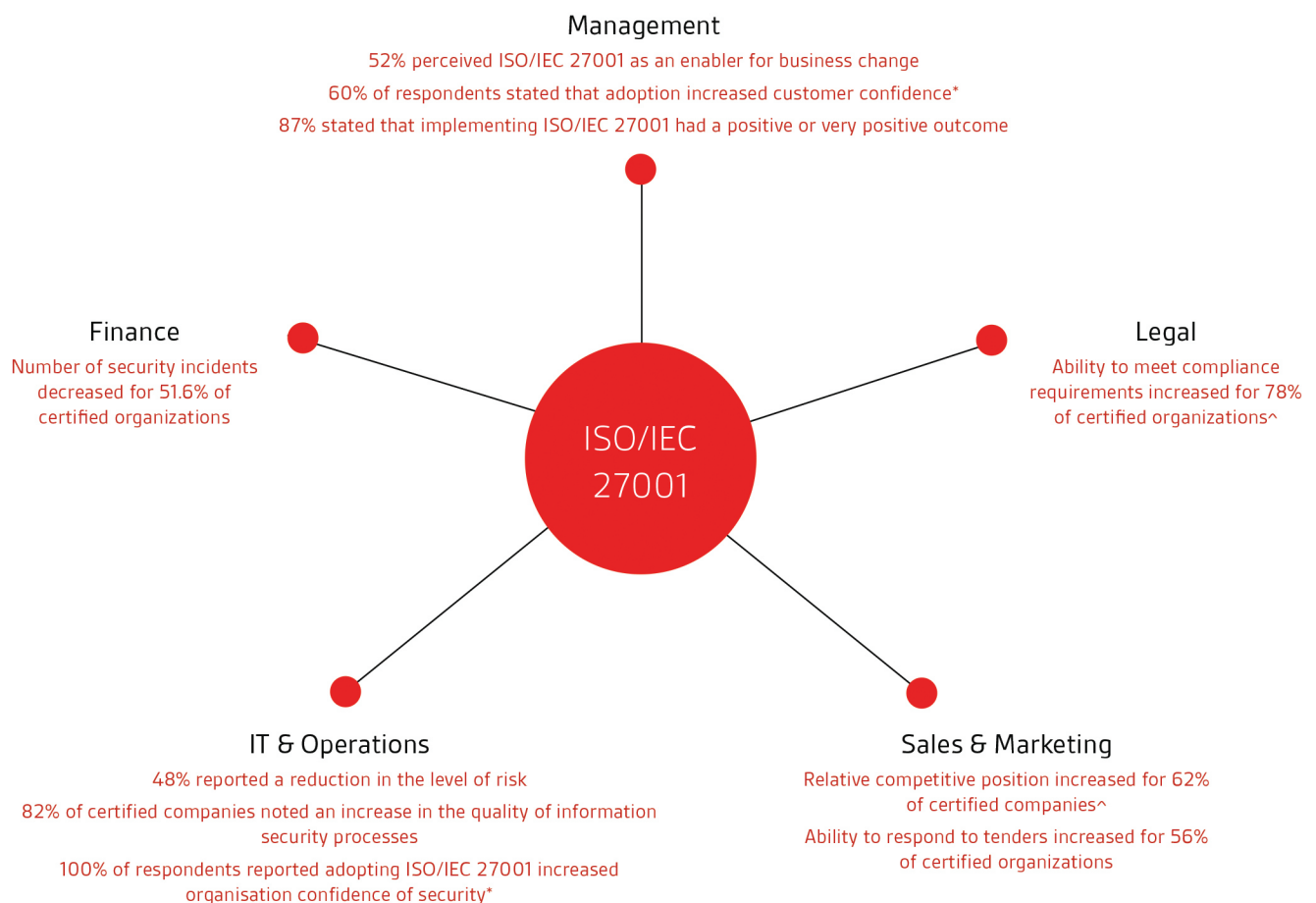


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Stages of an IT Governance ISMS implementation project:

0. Pre-project

IT Governance recommends a gap analysis against the requirements of the Standard conducted by ISO 27001 implementation specialists. A gap analysis can help you develop a business case to secure project support from your leadership team.

1. Project mandate

During this phase, IT Governance will work with your organisation to set the project and ISMS objectives.

2. Project initiation

The project framework, project roles, project plan, risk register and timelines will be discussed and agreed.

3. ISMS initiation

This stage considers the project activities for initiating the ISMS, and includes a detailed review of the client's documented policies and procedures, as well as creating organisational awareness about the project and its objectives.

4. Management framework

The scope of the ISMS, organisational context, and the needs and expectations of interested parties will be defined in this stage. IT Governance captures pertinent information relevant to determining the scope through a series of interactive sessions, interviews or workshops with key members of the management team.

5. Baseline security criteria

The organisation's baseline security criteria (BSC)

6. Risk management

ISO 27001 requires an organisation to define and apply an information security risk assessment process. IT Governance will assist in the development of a robust information security risk methodology, which will include conducting an information security risk assessment and the recommendation of appropriate information security risk treatments.

7. Implementation

During this phase, IT Governance will provide support and guidance for the implementation activities. These include providing staff awareness training and the appropriate level of internal staff competence to support the ISMS, reviewing outsourced suppliers, guidance on selecting appropriate controls, and providing general advice to ensure the project remains on track.

8. Measurement, monitoring and review

IT Governance will ensure that the performance of the ISMS and related activities are captured, analysed and reviewed, supporting the development of a continual improvement process. We will ensure that an appropriate internal audit programme is established to support the organisation's ISMS and related objectives.

9. Audit

IT Governance will provide support through the duration of the certification audit. This will include discussing how best to address any issues the auditor might find prior to the final day of the audit.

10. Post-certification activities

Following certification, IT Governance will assist in the creation of an ongoing plan for the maintenance and continual improvement of the ISMS.

Why IT Governance?

Certification success guarantee

IT Governance offers a guarantee that our clients will successfully achieve certification within the timeline of the agreed ISO 27001 project. This guarantee is subject to contract and applies where the client meets the resource, competence and task completion requirements of the agreed project plan, and where the scope of the ISMS is not materially changed without agreement on both sides.

Knowledge transfer to support client independence

Where appropriate, IT Governance focuses on developing clients' knowledge and confidence in implementing and independently maintaining an effective ISMS. This approach reduces the need for continued support and minimises any additional costs being incurred.

Demonstrable track record

IT Governance has experience of many successful management system certification and cultural change projects, with in excess of 150 consultancy clients successfully certified to ISO 27001 alone. Our ISO/IEC 27001 consultancy services use methodologies and tools that have been developed and honed over more than 15 years, beginning when two of our directors led the world's first successful certification to BS7799, the forerunner of ISO 27001.

Deep technical expertise

Our extensive expertise in ISO 27001, IT governance, the PCI DSS, ISO 22301, ISO 9001 and other leading standards means that we can help you cost-effectively integrate your ISMS with other security frameworks. Our comprehensive security solutions include Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) services for the PCI DSS and CREST-accredited penetration tests. Clients can rest assured that work is delivered by qualified and knowledgeable individuals, and meets rigorous industry standards.