



## ISO 9001:2008

### Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc. Transition Plan

The 2008 revision of ISO 9001 was officially released on November 13, 2008. This guidance document details Perry Johnson Registrars, Inc.'s (PJR) transition requirements for organizations that are currently ISO 9001:2000 certified. PJR's plan is based on the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and the IAF (International Accreditation Forum) joint communiqué on ensuring a smooth transition of accredited certification to ISO 9001:2008.

One of the most important things to note is that **ISO 9001:2008 does not introduce any new requirements**. It provides clarification to the existing requirements of ISO 9001:2000, and it introduces changes intended to improve consistency with ISO 14001:2004.

Copies of ISO 9001:2008 can be purchased from your national standards body (ANSI in the United States at [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)) or from the International Organization for Standardization ([www.iso.ch](http://www.iso.ch)).

ISO 9004:2000 is expected to be revised in 2009. Anticipated revisions are significant, including a clause structure that no longer parallels ISO 9001.

#### **What does this mean for my organization?**

Accredited certification to ISO 9001:2008 can only be issued after successful completion of a registration audit (for new clients) or successful completion of a routine surveillance or recertification audit (for existing clients) against the ISO 9001:2008 requirements.

One year after publication of ISO 9001:2008 (November 12, 2009) all accredited certifications *issued* (meaning new certifications or re-certifications) must be to ISO 9001:2008.

Two years after publication of ISO 9001:2008 (November 12, 2010), any certifications that are still to ISO 9001:2000 will not be valid. Obviously, the certification process does not end with the closing meeting of the audit. Time must be allowed for the corrective action process and auditor review and decision-making activities. Thus, all clients that are currently certified to ISO 9001:2000 must have their ISO 9001:2008 audit conducted by August 12, 2010. This will allow approximately 90 days for post-audit activities and ISO 9001:2008 certificate issuance by the November 13, 2010 deadline.

Certification to ISO 9001:2008 shall not be considered "an upgrade." Certifications to ISO 9001:2000 during the transition period should be afforded the same status as those who have already received a new certificate to ISO 9001:2008.