

DQS. The Audit Company.

Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung
von Managementsystemen



A portrait

Founding and shareholders

DQS was founded on 1 February, 1985, by the German Institute for Standardization (DIN) and the German Association for Quality (DGQ). In subsequent years, the German industry associations HDB, Spectaris, VDMA, VCI and ZVEI became additional shareholders of the company. In March 2008, the management system division of the US corporation Underwriters Laboratories Inc. merged with DQS. At the same time, Underwriters Laboratories became another shareholder of DQS Holding GmbH, which then assumed global control of the newly founded group of companies

The founding of DQS took place in close connection with the genesis of the ISO 9000 family of standards, the first draft of which was published in 1985. The founding shareholders defined the purpose of DQS as the independent and neutral assessment of the quality ability of organizations, in order to strengthen their competitive capability.

Today, DQS GmbH, with its main office in Frankfurt am Main and regional offices in Berlin, Stuttgart, Hamburg and Munich, is the largest subsidiary of DQS Holding GmbH, contributing most of the group's turnover.

Adding value to achieve improvements in performance

With the high level of expertise of about 800 auditors in Germany and more than 2,500 worldwide, the group accompanies and supports organizations all over the globe. In doing so, we use mainly external auditors, and not so-called "career auditors". Our auditors are practicing experts with many years of practical experience and sector know-how, who with their value-adding assessments contribute to the improvement of our customers' performance ability.

The brand name DQS, starting with the original entity of "Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung von Qualitätssicherungssystemen (German society for the certification of quality assurance systems, Ltd.)", until today's „DQS GmbH Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung von Managementsystemen (German registrar for the certification of management systems)" is closely connected to the concept of quality. For DQS, this image is simultaneously a competitive advantage and a commitment. That is why we consistently invest in the further education and qualification of our employees and auditors.

Manifold services – customer-oriented flexibility

DQS GmbH assesses management systems and processes on the basis of about 100 nationally and internationally recognized standards and specifications, as well as internal requirements of associations or companies. We actively cooperate with business stakeholders.



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Figures – Data – Facts

DQS GmbH Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Zertifizierung von Managementsystemen

Shareholder:	DQS Holding GmbH
Registered seat:	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Regional offices:	Berlin, Hamburg, München, Stuttgart
Employees:	ca. 200
Auditors:	ca. 800
Assessments/ certifications:	According to more than 100 standards and specifications, as well as internal association or company requirements
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For reasons of better readability, we have avoided the simultaneous use of male and female forms of speech. All descriptions of persons or activities are intended to reference either sex equally

