ISO 9001 Audit Tool Requirements Summary

Overview

This document outlines the specific requirements for creating an ISO 9001 audit tool based on the user's conversation with Abacus. The user is a certified Lead Auditor who needs to audit contractors (Delivery Partners) but lacks practical auditing experience.

User Context

- Role: Lead Auditor (certified but inexperienced in practical auditing)
- Industry: Water and Wastewater Utilities Industry in Queensland, Australia
- Target: Auditing contractors/Delivery Partners with Quality Management Plans (QMPs)
- · Standards: Some contractors follow ISO 9001, others have custom QMPs

Core Audit Tool Features Requested

1. Dropdown Selection System

- Select audit scope from dropdown options:
- ISO 9001 standard
- Delivery Partner's Quality Management Plan (uploaded)
- · Combination of both QMP and ISO 9001
- Multiple audit types: Quality, Safety, Environment (selectable)

2. Question Structure (Parent-Child Relationship)

- Parent Questions: Primary audit questions
- Child Questions: 2-3 follow-up questions per parent
- · Conditional Logic: Child questions only appear if parent question cannot be answered directly
- ISO References: Each question must reference specific ISO 9001 clauses (e.g., "ISO 9001:2015, Clause 5.1")

3. Evidence Management

- Upload capability for documents and photos as evidence
- Evidence attachment for each question/finding
- Two types of evidence handling:
- Cited/Visually Looked At: Visual inspection or brief document review
- · Record Captured: Formal documentation required as artifact

4. Non-Conformance Classification

- · Identify findings as:
- · Major non-conformance
- Minor non-conformance
- Observations
- Recommendations

5. Report Generation

- · Automated report creation with:
- · Audit scope and objectives
- · Questions asked and responses received
- · Findings categorized by severity
- · Recommendations and corrective actions
- · Structured output relating back to each question
- · Separate findings page with recommendations
- Distribution versions for contractors and internal management

Specific ISO 9001 Requirements Mentioned

Clause 5.1 - Leadership and Commitment

- Focus: Top management demonstration of leadership
- Key Areas: Customer focus, quality policy establishment, QMS integration

Clause 7.1.5 - Monitoring and Measuring Resources

- Focus: Resources for monitoring and measuring products/services
- Key Areas: Equipment validity, calibration processes, record maintenance

Clause 8.5.1 - Control of Production and Service Provision

- Focus: Planning, implementation, and control of production/service provision
- Key Areas: Documented information, monitoring activities, infrastructure suitability

Industry-Specific Considerations

Water and Wastewater Utilities Context

- Regulatory Framework: Queensland Water Services Act, Drinking Water Quality standards
- Industry Standards: WSAA (Water Services Association of Australia) codes and guidelines
- · High-Risk Areas:
- · Water quality monitoring and treatment processes
- · Wastewater discharge and environmental impact
- · Asset management and infrastructure integrity
- Emergency response and business continuity

Document Integration Capability

- Upload contractor documentation:
- · Management Plans
- · Safety documentation
- · Quality plans
- · Contract documents
- · Al analysis of uploaded documents to generate tailored questions
- · Industry-specific question generation based on uploaded content

Auditing Standards Compliance

- Primary Standard: ISO 19011 (Guidelines for Auditing Management Systems)
- Regional Compliance: Australian auditing practices and industry-specific guidelines
- Documentation: Nationally recognized auditing standards for Australia

Technical Implementation Requirements

Document Processing

- PDF text extraction and analysis
- · Multi-document upload capability
- Document content integration with question generation

User Interface Features

- Simple dropdown selections for audit scope
- · Conditional question display logic
- Evidence upload interface
- · Progress tracking through audit process

Reporting System

- Structured report generation
- · Multiple output formats for different audiences
- · Findings categorization and recommendation engine
- · Action item tracking capability

Auditor Guidance Features

Evidence Examples (Auditor-Only)

- Hidden guidance for acceptable evidence types
- Clear distinction between visual inspection vs. formal documentation
- Industry-specific evidence examples
- Non-conformance severity determination guidance

Simplification for Inexperienced Auditors

- · Clear, concise language in questions
- · Contextual guidance and definitions
- · Visual aids and flowcharts
- Modular audit approach (smaller, manageable sections)
- Built-in decision trees for non-conformance classification

Success Criteria

- 1. Tool must be simple enough for inexperienced auditor to follow
- 2. Comprehensive enough to cover multiple audit types through selection options
- 3. Generates industry-specific questions based on uploaded documentation
- 4. Produces professional reports suitable for contractor and management distribution

- 5. Follows recognized Australian auditing standards and practices
- 6. Integrates ISO 9001 requirements with contract-specific obligations