

# Applicability

## Who should care about this standard?

ISO/IEC 42001:2023 is applicable to any organisation involved in the lifecycle of AI systems, including development, deployment, and maintenance.

This standard is particularly relevant for industries where AI impacts critical operations or where ethical considerations are paramount.

## What does it cover?

### Broad scope

The standard applies to a wide array of AI systems, regardless of the sector, ensuring that all high-impact AI technologies are governed by robust ethical and operational standards.

### Exemptions

Certain small-scale or low-risk AI systems may be exempt from some requirements. However, these exemptions must be carefully considered and justified to avoid potential oversights.

## Why is this important?

As AI continues to revolutionise industries, the need for standardised governance becomes increasingly critical.

Implementing ISO/IEC 42001:2023 ensures that your organisation's AI systems are managed with the highest levels of responsibility, mitigating risks and fostering trust among stakeholders.

## What do you need to do?

### – Evaluate your AI systems

Determine which of your AI systems fall under the scope of ISO/IEC 42001:2023. For those that do, start integrating the standard's requirements into your governance processes.

### – Document exemptions

If you believe certain AI systems are exempt, document your reasoning carefully and ensure that these systems are still managed responsibly.

### – Continuous improvement

Regularly review and update your AI governance strategies to stay aligned with the latest developments in the standard and the broader AI landscape.

## What's in it for you and your business?

Understanding and applying ISO/IEC 42001:2023 is crucial for maintaining a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving AI landscape.

It's not just about compliance—it's about safeguarding your organisation's future by ensuring that your AI systems are ethical, safe, and effective. By adopting this standard, you contribute to the responsible growth of AI in New Zealand, fostering innovation that benefits both your business and society as a whole.