5 Practical Steps to Improve Regulatory Readiness

1. Figure Out What Applies to You

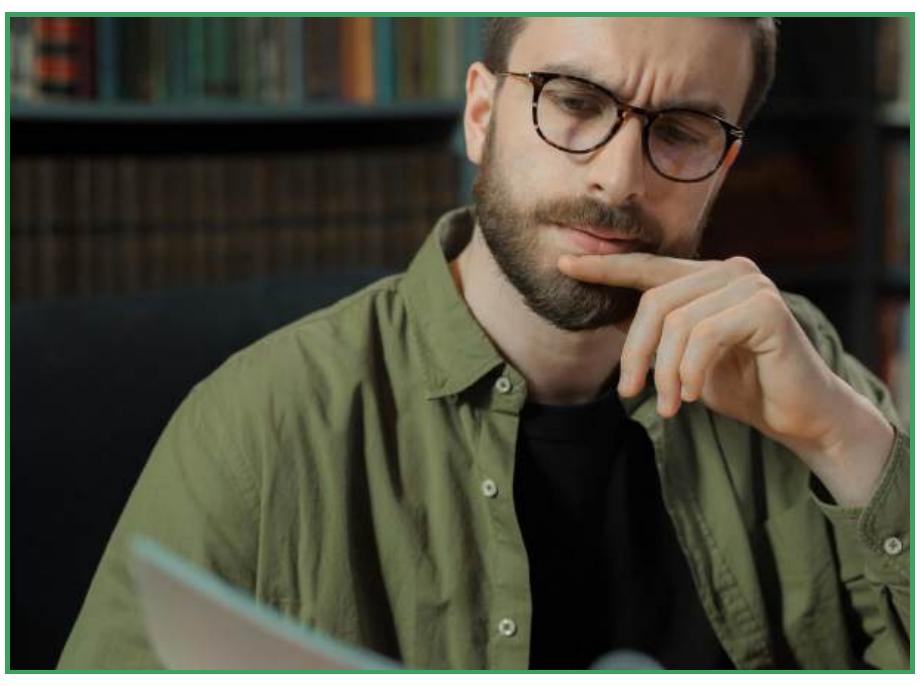
Different industries have different requirements. Medical device work needs ISO 13485 certification. Aerospace contracts require AS9100. Defense projects must meet ITAR standards. List the certifications your customers actually ask for before chasing every possible standard.

2. Write Down Your Processes

Document how you currently handle quality control, testing, and documentation. Compare this against what regulations require. Fill the gaps with written procedures that your team can actually follow without slowing down production.

3. Train Your People Differently

Stop doing generic compliance training that nobody remembers. Focus on specific situations where mistakes happen most. Show assembly workers what defects look like and why they matter. Teach staff to catch documentation errors before audits find them.



4. Audit Your Supply Chain

Request certifications from suppliers before you need them. Verify their documentation covers what you're buying. Suppliers without proper compliance create problems that become your problems when customers audit your operation.

5. Track Industry Changes

Join trade groups that monitor regulatory updates. Subscribe to industry publications that explain new requirements. Set up alerts for changes that affect your products or markets. Start with one area and master it completely before moving to the next.

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