

# ISO 14001 certification

## Prove you care about the environment

### Why certification makes sense

Customers and consumers, stakeholders and shareholders are increasingly demanding environmentally sound products and services, and environmental legislation is getting stricter all the time. These developments are driving companies to take a critical look at their products, service and processes from an environmental point of view. A certified environmental management system (EMS) not only monitors and optimises the environmental aspects of a company's business activities but also proves that the company cares about the environment.

ISO 14001 is the globally accepted EMS standard. By fulfilling its certification requirements, companies can demonstrate their commitment to the environment and profit from the guidance the standard provides on more effective environmental management.

### How you can benefit

The benefits you can enjoy when your environmental management system is certified to ISO 14001 include:

- Enhanced image
- Reduced risk of environmental incidents
- Improved relationships with customers, government bodies and the general public
- Better use of energy and resources
- Cost savings, e.g. through effective waste management
- Compliance with environmental rules and regulations
- Enhanced workplace health and safety
- Access to markets or companies that demand ISO 14001 certification

### GL: your partner for smooth certification

There are good reasons why it makes sense to choose GL for ISO 14001 certification. GL is renowned for the high quality and reliability of its auditors and surveyors. The advantage for you is that an ISO 14001 certificate from GL is a seal of approval for your environmental standards.

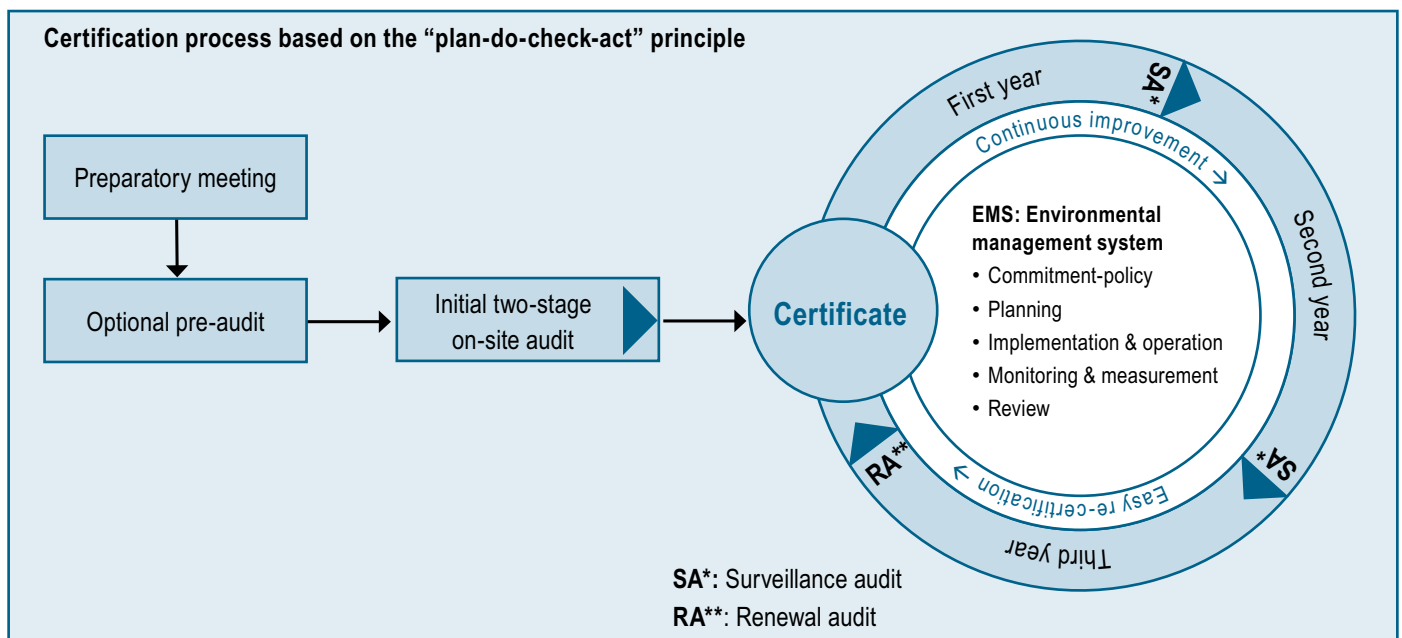
What's more, GL's many years of experience ensure you enjoy a flexible and absolutely professional service. Since GL is equally at home in the maritime sector and in industrial services, you can profit from our customised know-how. Thanks to a global network of over 200 site offices and stations GL also has the local expertise to respond to your specific needs and can deal with your certification request quickly and efficiently. So you save time and money in obtaining ISO 14001 certification.



## How certification with GL works

The ISO 14001 certification process is based on the “plan-do-check-act” principle and usually involves the following steps:

- **Preparatory meeting:** definition of certification field
- **Optional pre-audit:** gap analysis and evaluation of your current degree of standard fulfillment
- **Initial two-stage on-site audit:**
  - **Stage 1:** completeness review to verify the status of your organisation for certification
  - **Stage 2:** evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness of your management system
- **Evaluation of EMS and certification:** a certificate valid for three years is issued if results of Stage 2 audit are satisfactory
- **Surveillance audit:** every 12 months to verify that the management system still comes up to standard and to monitor on-going improvement
- **Re-certification:** after three years to confirm the on-going conformity of the entire management system



### One-stop shopping at GL

GL provides certifications for a broad range of standards as **quality management system (QMS) to ISO 9001:2008, occupational health and safety performance to OHSAS 18001, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) or EN 9100 (Aerospace)** between other recognized international standards with accreditations in several countries.

Furthermore, GL Academy's modular system offers you a **complete range of training courses** to help you start your certification process and further improve your day-to-day operations. Why not save yourself time and effort by taking advantage of our one-stop shop!