



OHSAS 18001 certification

Better safe than sorry

Why certification makes sense

Health and safety at work is an issue that affects every single business and organization – for example economically. In an increasingly competitive globalized economy a business cannot afford to lose time through workplace accidents or have its production processes interrupted. Accidents at work not only cost money, they are also bad for a company's image.

Last but not least, national and international legislation requires proof of compliance with occupational health and safety rules and regulations. OHSAS 18001 is an international standard for occupational health and safety (OHSAS). It helps businesses and organizations to spot any potential risks or hazards, minimize the possibility of their occurrence and introduce measures for continual improvement.

How you can benefit

The benefits you can enjoy when your business or organization is certified to OHSAS 18001 include:

- Chance to minimize the number of occupational accidents
- Enhanced profitability through less time lost and improved processes
- Proof of compliance with national and international OHSAS Legislation
- Chance to continually improve your own OHSAS management system
- More motivated employees through a safer work environment
- Improved health and safety reputation, e.g. among stakeholders, business partners, public authorities, pressure groups, investors, etc.
- Possibility of more favourable ratings by insurance companies
- Smooth integration into existing quality or environmental management systems

GL: your partner for smooth certification

There are good reasons why it makes sense to choose GL for OHSAS 18001 certification. GL is renowned for the high quality and reliability of its auditors and surveyors. The advantage for you is that an OHSAS 18001 certificate from GL is a seal of approval for your occupational health and safety standards. What's more, GL's many years of experience ensure you enjoy a flexible and absolutely professional service.

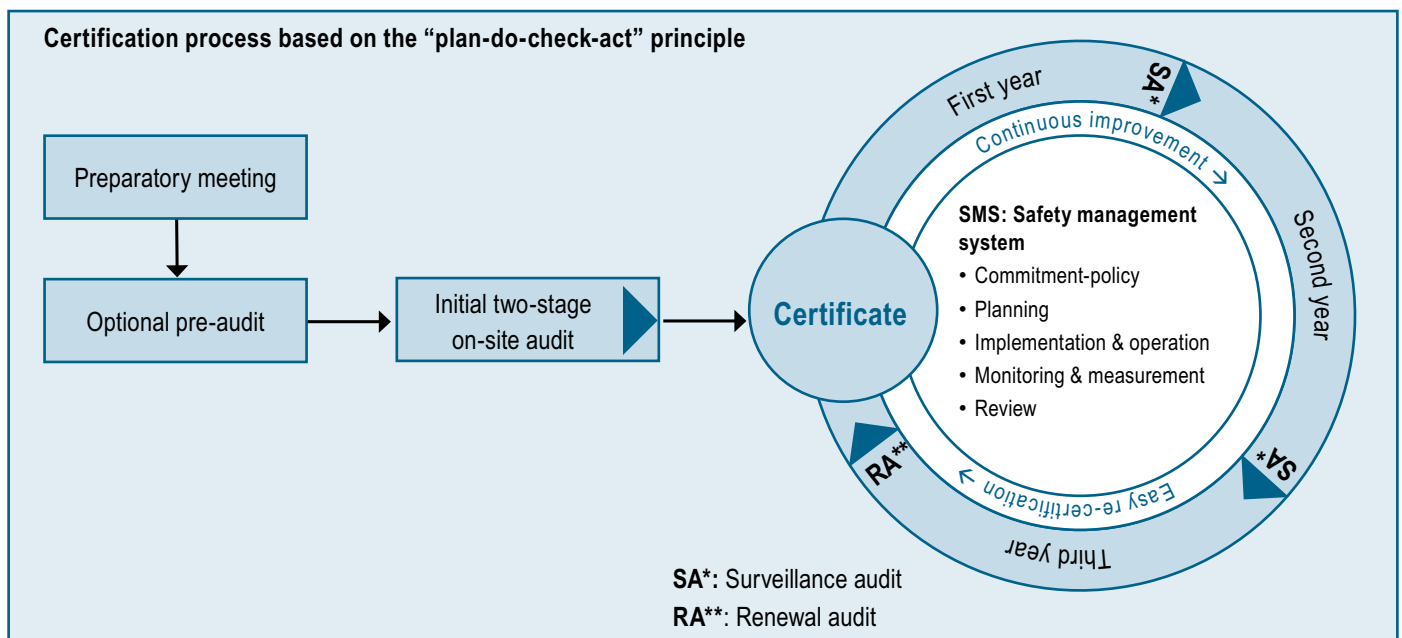
Since GL is equally at home in the maritime sector and in industrial services, you can profit from our customised know-how. Thanks to a global network of over 200 site offices and stations GL also has the local expertise to respond to your specific needs and can deal with your certification request quickly and efficiently. So you save time and money in obtaining OHSAS 18001 certification.



How certification with GL works

The OHSAS 18001 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 safety management system
- **Evaluation of SMS 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 safety management system still comes up to standard and to monitor the on-going improvement
- **Re-certification:** after three years to confirm the on-going conformity of the entire safety 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, environmental management system (EMS) to ISO 14001, 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!