

EASY TRANSFER OF CLASS

Why not change class to DNV, the world's leading classification society? Class transfer to DNV is a quick and easy process and can be a smart move towards more efficient vessel operations.

CHANGING CLASS TO DNV

With our global presence, experienced surveyors and engineers, and our dedication to quality and passion for innovation, we look forward to adding value to your operations through:

- **more efficient ship operations** and class-related transactions and procedures
- **optimised vessel lifetime costs** and support in reaching your economic and environmental targets
- **the best support** for you today and in a turbulent future market
- **our vast experience** through 13,000 vessels in class
- **24/7 support through DATE and My Services**, a network of more than 300 offices in 100 countries and more than 2,000 qualified surveyors

- **authorization by more than 130 flag states** to issue statutory certificates
- **good port state control record** to reduce the risk of detentions
- **added value from our wide knowledge base**, including experts from the maritime, oil and gas, energy, business assurance and software, for improved quality and operational efficiency

DNV's history of more than 150 years of accumulated knowledge that has been continuously collected, processed, refined, analysed, tested, challenged and improved. We have always been at the forefront in terms of developing and implementing new rules and technologies. DNV can give you the best technical advice and help you choose the most cost-effective technology in order to comply with upcoming regulations.

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OUR SERVICES

FIVE EASY STEPS TO CHANGE CLASS TO DNV

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COLLECT INFORMATION

The first step is to identify your needs and information about the vessel(s) you would like to transfer to DNV class. This will in turn provide a basis for a tailor-made quotation and process.

2

ORDER CLASSIFICATION

The next step is for us to meet and familiarize you with the procedures and hand over documents. This typically includes reviewing the abovementioned quotation and, for example, a detailed list of the class, statutory and other necessary certificates to be issued. We go through and give a short description of the whole procedure - the Class Entry Terms - and examine any issues that may have to be resolved. This meeting leads to a Memorandum of Understanding ready for signature and authorization by IACS. Included in this step is a list of the documents needed to comply with IACS and Flag State requirements.

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COLLECT DOCUMENTATION

Next, you need to collect all the necessary documentation and information to comply with the IACS and Flag State requirements, and DNV will assist you in this process.

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CLASS ENTRY

Following this, class entry surveys must be conducted in order to issue the required certificates. Both the timing and location of the surveys are arranged in close cooperation with you. Once surveys have been done, reports have been prepared and the documentation has been reviewed, the required certificates can be issued.

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WELCOME TO DNV

Welcome to DNV and our dedicated team appointed to assist you in the day-to-day operation of your vessel(s).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it difficult to change class to DNV?

No, not at all. As a member of IACS, DNV has an agreement for transferring class from one IACS member to another.

Is it possible to have the same class notations with DNV?

As long as DNV has equivalent class notations in its rules and the requirements are similar, you will get the same class notation with DNV, although the names of the notations may vary.

We recently bought the vessel and do not have any drawings in our office. What should be done?

Hopefully, the documents may be found on board and many of them are required by convention to be available on board. Copies should be made of those. To make this process as smooth as possible, the master should prepare copies to be collected by the DNV surveyor before or at the class entry surveys.

How long does a class transfer take?

For a straightforward vessel coming from another IACS member and with all documents easily available, the transfer may be completed as quickly as 1-2 weeks after completion of the class entry surveys.

What is the vessel data form?

With the collection of required documents, some additional information like the main engine type and model, other machinery items and deck equipment is needed, both to fulfil our obligations as laid down in the IACS agreement and to have the survey programme fit the vessel. This information is to be provided on the vessel data form.

Will there be any disruption to the vessel's trade during class entry?

Only the class entry survey will cause disruption. If this survey is completed in the time window and combined with the periodical survey, no extra time will be lost.

Will DNV always issue full-term certificates upon completion of class entry surveys?

As long as all the required documents issued and approved by the previous class society have been received before the surveys and DNV has been given time to prepare certificates, full-term certificates will normally be issued.

Contact

DNV provides you with a contact person to guide and assist you throughout the process.

To discuss a class transfer in an initial meeting please **contact your nearest DNV office** or send an e-mail to **toc.maritime@dnv.com**