



## Offshore Vessel Management and Self Assessment 2 - FAQs

### Why revise OVMSA?

The main aims in revising OVMSA are to:

- Maintain its relevance: reflect changes in legislation and best practice. OVMSA was first published 2012.
- Provide clarity: encourage a more unified interpretation of the KPIs and best practice guidance.
- Promote continuous improvement: an integral requirement of OVMSA.

### What are the main changes?

The main changes in OVMSA2 are:

- Expanded best practice guidance to complement the KPIs.
- Revised best practice guidance to remove ambiguity and duplication.
- Streamlined and merged elements to improve consistency and make conducting the self-assessment easier.
- Removed the option to mark KPIs as not applicable.
- Introduced updated industry legislative requirements, including the Manila Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, the Polar Code and the Ballast Water Management Convention.
- 27 KPIs have been moved from a higher to a lower level (4 to 3, 3 to 2 etc.)
- 5 KPI have been moved from a lower to higher.
- 17 New KPIs have been introduced.

Revised Elements:

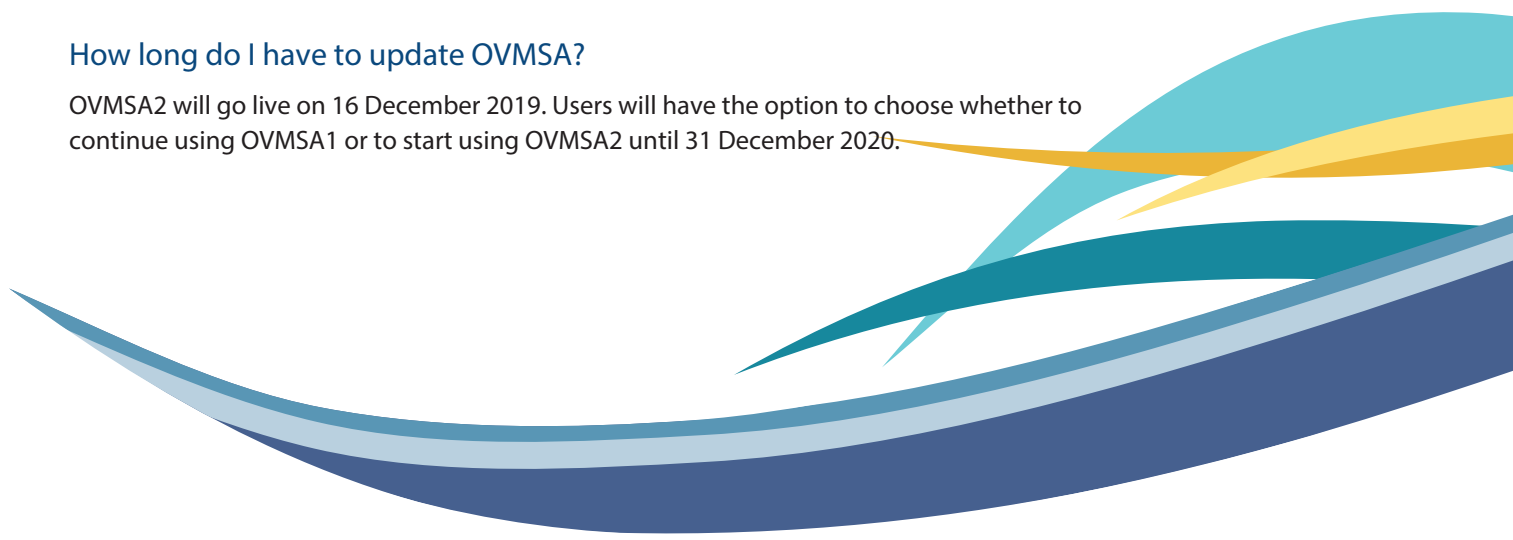
- 6A Offshore Operations – Mooring
- 6B Offshore Operations – Safe Access
- 6C Offshore Operations – Cargo, Bunkering, Ballasting & Stability
- 6D Offshore Operations – Lifting & Hoisting
- 6E Offshore Operations – Management of Contractors
- 6F Offshore Operations – Dynamic Positioning (DP) Operations
- 6G Offshore Operations – Anchor Handling & Towing (AHT)
- 6H Offshore Operations – Geophysical & Geotechnical
- 6I Offshore Operations – Heavy Lift, with additional KPIs and best practice guidance.
- 10 Environmental and Energy Management (previously Environmental Management) incorporates the OCIMF Energy Efficiency and Fuel Management information paper which was a supplement to OVMSA.

New element:

- Added a new element: Element 13 – Maritime Security.

### How long do I have to update OVMSA?

OVMSA2 will go live on 16 December 2019. Users will have the option to choose whether to continue using OVMSA1 or to start using OVMSA2 until 31 December 2020.



When using OVMSA2 for the first-time, users will have 2 options:

1. Create a new OVMSA2 from a blank template, or
2. Transfer data from OVMSA1 into the OVMSA2 format using the migration tool



### When will OVMSA2 be available?

OVMSA2 document and OVMSA2 programme will be available from 16 December 2019.

### When do I have to update my OVMSA?

Companies are advised to review and update assessments in the OVMSA online tool on an annual basis. Additional updates are recommended whenever they have made improvements/changes to their SMS or believe they have attained a higher level in any element rather than wait for planned improvements to be actioned. Significant changes in management structure, SMS or changes to fleet size and composition may also prompt a review.

### When do I have to use OVMSA2?

From 1 January 2021, only OVMSA2 will be available. All remaining OVMSA1 reports will be archived and will need to be transferred into OVMSA2 to be updated.

### What happens if my attainment level changes?

OVMSA is a live process and as our industry moves forward, changes to best practice guidance is inevitable. Operators are recommended to update their SMS on a regular basis and update their OVMSA submission at the same time. This should keep their attainment levels as accurate as possible.

### Where can I get more information on OVMSA2?

For assistance on how to use OVMSA2 please see the OVMSA2 publication or click the Contact Support tab in the OVID programme.

### Where can I access OVMSA2 programme?

Login to the OVID programme at: [www.ocimf.org/ovid](http://www.ocimf.org/ovid).

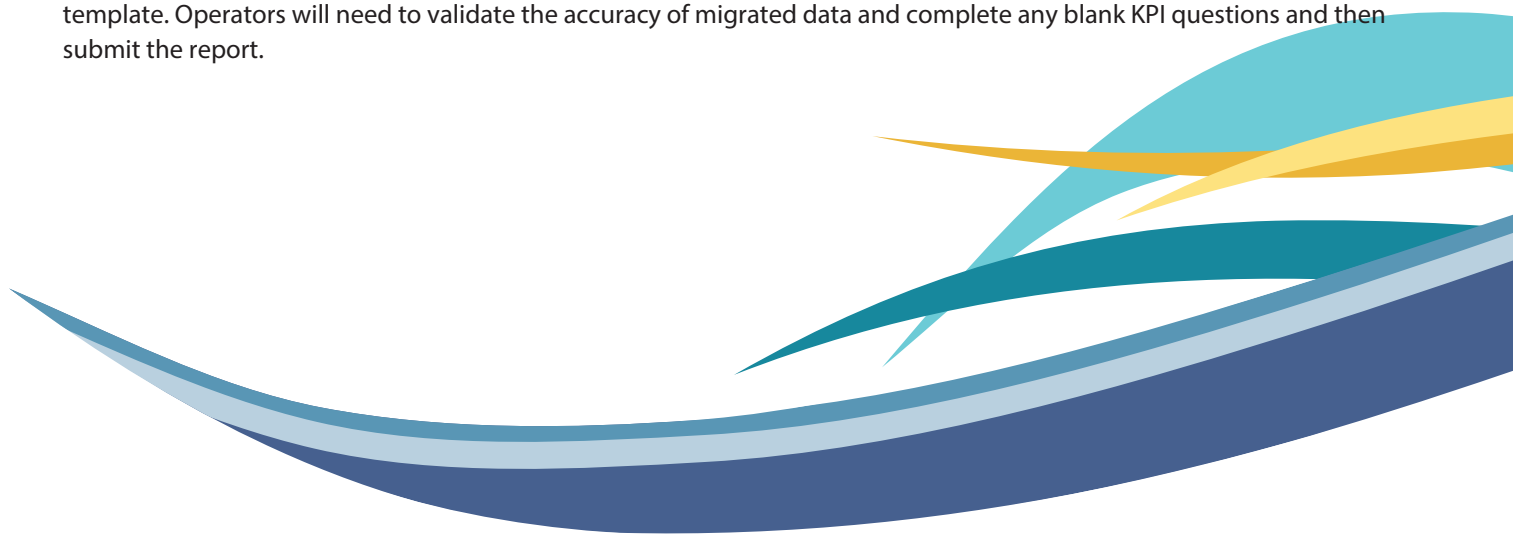
### Who can I contact to get support?

For assistance please see section 9 of the OVID Technical Operator Guide or contact [ovidsupport@ocimf.org](mailto:ovidsupport@ocimf.org).

### Do I have to start a new OVMSA2 from a blank template?

From 16 December 2019 operators have the following options:

1. start a blank OVMSA2 or
2. use the migration tool within the OVID programme to transfer data from a OVMSA1 report into the OVMSA2 template. Operators will need to validate the accuracy of migrated data and complete any blank KPI questions and then submit the report.





## How do I migrate my data from OVMSA1 to OVMSA2?

The combined OVID Programme offers a single-click migration process from an existing draft or published OVMSA1 report into the draft OVMSA2 format ready for checking and completion by the ship operator. For assistance on how to do this please see section 9 of the OVID Technical Vessel Operator Guide or contact [ovidsupport@ocimf.org](mailto:ovidsupport@ocimf.org).

## Why do I have to check migrated data?

OCIMF have mapped KPIs in OVMSA1 to OVMSA2 and have made a migration tool available to transfer data from OVMSA1 to OVMSA2. Due to changes in the wording of KPIs and the expanded guidance within the best practice guidance, it is essential that operators review the comments and notes for correctness and applicability.

## Can I continue to use my OVMSA1 report?

You may continue to use OVMSA1 until 31 December 2020. From 1 January 2021 only OVMSA2 will be available, so operators are encouraged to submit a OVMSA2 report before this date.

## What happens with my current subscription?

OVMSA remains free of charge.

## Will I have to submit my OVMSA under OVMSA2 format?

Operators may continue to use OVMSA1 until 31 December 2020. However, from 1 January 2021 only OVMSA2 will be available, so operators are encouraged to submit a OVMSA2 report before this date.

## Why has the option to mark KPIs as not applicable been removed?

OVMSA2 is designed to be used worldwide for offshore vessels. Not every KPI will be applicable in all cases and will depend on:

- Company size or structure.
- Specific trade.
- Local regulations, customs or conditions.

If a company decides that a KPI is not applicable, they should enter 'yes' when completing the assessment online. The company will need to have a reason for considering the KPI as non-applicable stated and justified, backed up with documentary evidence.

