A young man wearing safety glasses, a dark polo shirt, and work gloves is standing in a factory. He is holding a handheld electronic device and looking at it. The background shows a car chassis on an assembly line with various mechanical parts and a yellow overhead crane.

Certification of Your Quality Management System in the Automotive Industry

Product Sheet IATF 16949

With IATF 16949 certification, you can improve product and process quality throughout the entire supply chain in the automotive industry.

The goal of IATF 16949 certification

Customers in the automotive industry require reliable partners at every stage of the supply chain—regardless of company size and structure—and demand proof of how their suppliers can ensure this. In the automotive industry, the requirements of IATF 16949 are established as an international standard. Here, the basic ISO 9001 requirements for quality management systems are supplemented and specified by industry-specific requirements.

By having your quality management system certified according to IATF 16949 by an independent body, you demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this important and internationally recognized standard for the automotive industry, which is often a prerequisite for cooperation in this industry.

Your benefits

Implementing the requirements of IATF 16949 provides numerous opportunities, including:

- ▶ Identification and implementation of relevant product and process requirements
- ▶ Systematization and transparency of core processes — internally and with your customers and suppliers
- ▶ Focus on error prevention rather than error correction
- ▶ Early detection and sustainable resolution of issues
- ▶ Continuous improvement of processes and operations
- ▶ Increased confidence in your competence and the robustness of your processes
- ▶ Strong customer focus and enhanced customer satisfaction

Your certification in just a few steps

IATF 16949 certification is available to companies that manufacture products for the automotive industry—including, where applicable, product development—and to manufacturers of homologated vehicles intended for use on public roads. IATF requirements regarding the definition of relevant products and product-related services must be observed.

Certification can be granted for individual locations, locations with extended workbenches, and groups of companies within the framework of a corporate scheme—regardless of their position in the automotive supply chain. The IATF requirements regarding the respective certification structure must be observed.

DEKRA Certification GmbH, as an IATF-recognized certification body, offers certification according to IATF 16949. With the experience and expertise of our auditors, compliance with the requirements is professionally assessed and confirmed through issuance of the IATF 16949 certificate by DEKRA.

Your path to the IATF 16949 certificate:

- ▶ Application for certification by the company
- ▶ Review of the application by DEKRA in accordance with IATF-defined criteria
- ▶ If applicable, audit to obtain a letter of conformance
- ▶ Two-stage audit for initial certification

The following are required to maintain certification:

- ▶ Annual surveillance audits
- ▶ Recertification audits every three years

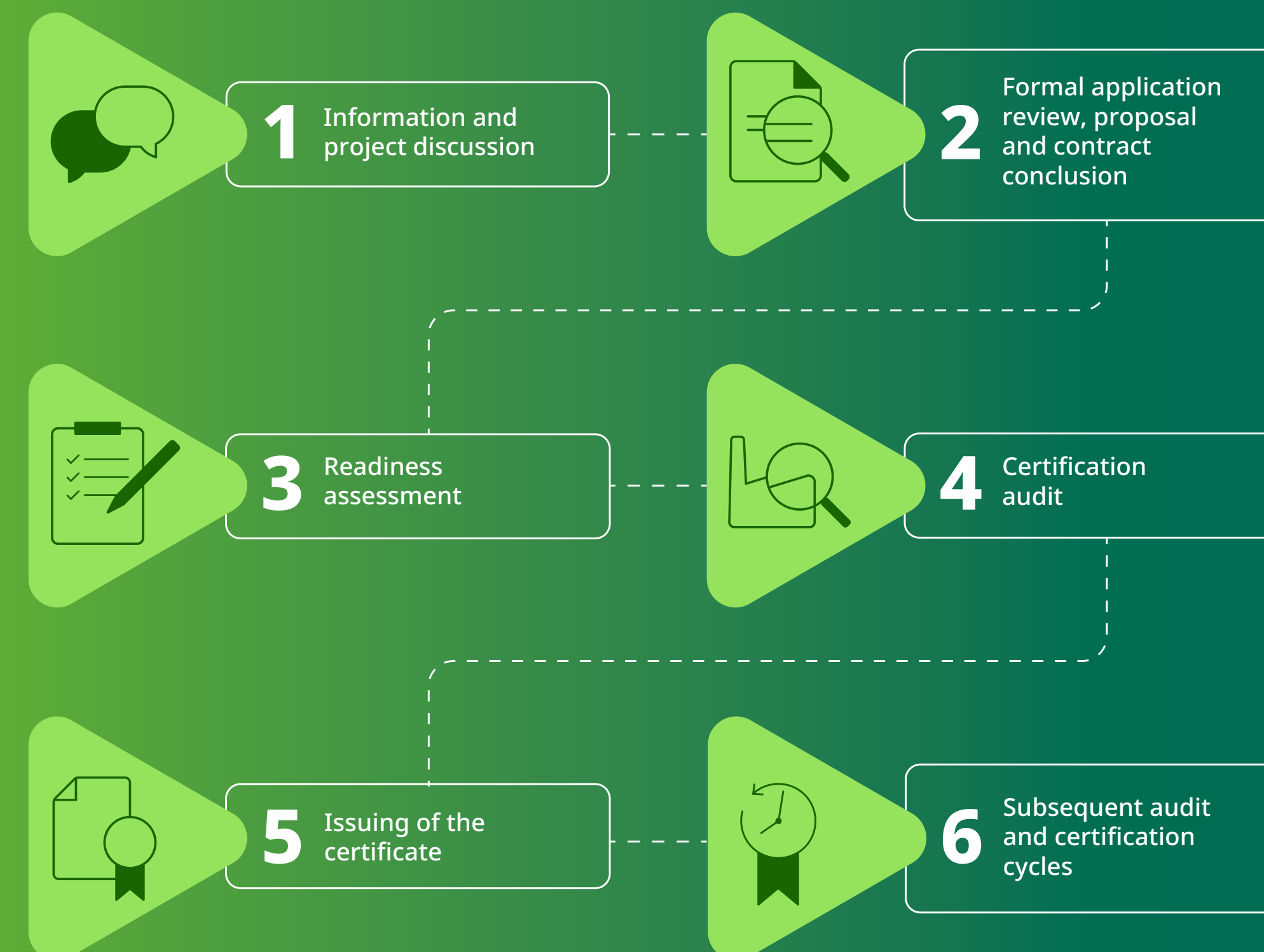
For more information on IATF 16949, please visit the [IATF \(International Automotive Task Force\) website](#).

We would be happy to provide you with further information about IATF 16949 certification. Contact us!

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Learn more

Process of IATF 16949 Certification



Additional services you can benefit from

Whether quality, environment, energy, occupational health and safety, or information security—DEKRA is your independent and reliable partner for certification of management systems according to general and industry-specific standards.

In addition, the DEKRA Group offers:

- ▶ Assessments for compliance with internal rules
- ▶ Personnel certification
- ▶ Product testing and certification

We are happy to assist you with any questions regarding certification.

Excellence – the DEKRA seal



Add an exclamation mark that stands for the highest quality and reliability – across all industries and internationally. The DEKRA seal is an excellent way to promote your company's image, a marketing tool and a way to stand out from the competition. In this way, you can show your customers and business partners that your service is worth their time and money. We will be happy to assist you.

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