

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD	Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels	OMB No. 1625- 0014 Exp: 03/31/2025
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<b>Who must comply?</b>	Owners or operators of vessels.
<b>What is this collection about?</b>	This information is used by the Coast Guard's (CG) Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) to determine: 1) if a vessel can be designated as an Oceanographic Research Vessel (ORV); and 2) can be exempted from specific inspection and/or manning requirements.
<b>Where do I find the requirements for this information?</b>	Title 46 CFR Parts 3 and 14, are available at— <a href="https://www.eCFR.gov">https://www.eCFR.gov</a> , select TITLE 46 – SHIPPING, and follow to Parts 3 and 14 (Subpart D) respectively.
<b>When must information be submitted to the Coast Guard?</b>	For a vessel seeking an initial designation as an ORV, the information must be submitted to the CG before a determination can be made. For a vessel that has previously been designated an ORV and seeks a renewal of the designation, the information must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the Letter of Designation or Certificate of Inspection.
<b>How is the information submitted?</b>	By mail, fax or electronically submitted via e-mail to the OCMI. A list of Coast Guard sectors, as part of a comprehensive list of Coast Guard units, can be found at: <a href="https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/">https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/</a> .
<b>What happens when complete information is received?</b>	<p>The CG will review the information and determine if a vessel is eligible to receive a designation as an ORV. If it qualifies, an ORV will receive —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Letter of Designation (if an uninspected vessel); or</li> <li>• a designation on its Certificate of Inspection (if an inspected vessel).</li> </ul> <p>A Letter of Designation is valid for two years and a Certificate of Inspection is valid for five years.</p>
<b>For additional information, contact--</b>	<p>Your local CG Sector Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of Coast Guard sectors, as part of a comprehensive list of Coast Guard units, can be found at <a href="https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/">https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/</a>.</li> </ul>

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