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- the title has been changed to "Design requirements" in order to reflect that the standard presents safety requirements rather than requirements for safety or protection of personnel;
- wind turbine class designations have been adjusted and now refer to reference wind speed and expected value of turbulence intensities only;
- turbulence models have been expanded and include an extreme turbulence model;
- gust models have been adjusted and simplified;
- design load cases have been rearranged and amended;
- the inclusion of turbulence simulations in the load calculations is emphasised and a scheme for extreme load extrapolation has been specified;
- the partial safety factors for loads have been adjusted and simplified;
- the partial safety factors for materials have been amended and specified in terms of material types and component classes;
- the requirements for the control and protection system have been amended and clarified in terms of functional characteristics;
- a new clause on assessment of structural and electrical compatibility has been introduced with detailed requirements for assessment, including information on complex terrain, earthquakes and wind farm wake effects.

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