

Mariner Training Provider Course Approvals Final Update

The National Maritime Center (NMC) is pleased to report that the course and program approval request inventory is once again at what we consider a reasonable work in progress level. The inventory of requests awaiting evaluation is down to 70 with none of those waiting longer than 45 days. The NMC is currently averaging approximately 50 calendar days to complete an approval and that number continues to decline. On March 1, 2017, we returned to a first in, first out inventory process and will continue working to drive down both inventory and processing time.

The number of requests that require additional information continues to be high. 46 CFR 10 Subpart D contains the regulatory requirements for course approvals. Coast Guard policy is contained in NVIC 03-14, Guidelines for Approval of Training Courses and Programs. Please review the [Top Reasons](#) why course/program approvals require additional information. This and more information can be found on the [Training Approvals page of the NMC website](#).

We continue to encourage training providers to communicate specific recommendations, concerns, and issues regarding the course approval process with us and we thank you for your patience and cooperation as we worked to reduce the inventory levels. If you have general questions or feedback regarding Course Approvals, please check the [NMC Website](#) or contact the NMC by e-mail at IASKNMC@uscg.mil, or by calling 1-888-IASKNMC (1-888-427-5662).

Sincerely,

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