

Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 08-20 Change 4 - Additional Guidance Regarding Awaiting Information (AI), Qualified Assessor (QA), and Designated Examiner (DE) Letters

The Coast Guard continues to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on the maritime industry and to ensure the continuity of the Maritime Transportation System published [Change 4 to Marine Safety Information Bulletin \(MSIB\) 08-20, titled *COVID-19 – Mariner Credentials*](#).

The latest MSIB directs readers to the [NMC website](#) for further guidance regarding AI, QA, and DE letters.

The following are the current expiration date windows and extension dates for these letters:

- **AI letters associated with an application for a merchant mariner credential or endorsement that expire between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 are extended until March 31, 2021.**
- **QA letters and DE letters that expire between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020 remain extended until December 31, 2020.**

Contact the National Maritime Center Customer Service Center at 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) or IASKNMC@uscg.mil for any questions regarding this bulletin or MSIB 08-20, Change 4.

Sincerely,

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