## **National Maritime Center**

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## **QMED Surveys**

The Coast Guard is seeking input from mariners who hold Qualified Member of the Engine Department (QMED) endorsements to validate information gathered as part of a Job Task Analysis (JTA).

Since 2016, the Coast Guard has been working on several initiatives to improve the quality of the content of credentialing examinations. One initiative is to validate the real-world occupational tasks carried out by mariners in today's merchant fleet by conducting JTAs. The Coast Guard is currently working on a JTA of QMED ratings. We worked with members of industry who have QMED experience to identify the tasks that QMEDs are responsible for while signed on a vessel. The Coast Guard is inviting you to be a part of this exciting and worthwhile effort by:

- Validating the QMED tasks.
- Telling us how frequently you complete the tasks.

This is a unique opportunity for you to provide insight into your job as a QMED or as a supervisor of QMEDs and contribute to Coast Guard examination improvements. The Coast Guard will use the results of the JTA in consultation with industry to evaluate and update examination content for QMED endorsements.

Mariners who hold QMED endorsements will receive an e-mail from <u>JobTaskAnalysis@uscg.mil</u> containing a link to the survey and the dates the survey is open. Your link to the survey will have a unique identifier to record your responses. It is not linked to you personally and the information you provide will remain anonymous. Your participation is encouraged for the benefit of the maritime community and safety of the Marine Transportation System.

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact us at <a href="mailto:JobTaskAnalysis@uscg.mil">JobTaskAnalysis@uscg.mil</a>.

Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

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