

Lapse in Appropriations and Government Shutdown

Due to the government shutdown, the National Maritime Center (NMC) and all Regional Examination Centers (RECs) are closed until further notice. Customer walk-in service at the RECs is suspended. Examinations and other REC appointments are cancelled.

The following limited operations will be maintained in support of National Defense requirements:

- Our Customer Service Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- The [NMC website](#) will provide updates on NMC and REC operating status.
- For questions regarding credentialing issues related to National Defense, marine employers are advised to contact our Customer Service Center.

Contact our Customer Service Center via the [NMC online chat system](#), by e-mailing IASKNMC@uscg.mil or by calling 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662).

The NMC understands the shutdown will affect our industry customers and stakeholders, and we apologize for any potential inconvenience.

Sincerely,

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