

## Course Approval and Renewal Timeline Expectations

The National Maritime Center (NMC) is committed to supporting the maritime industry and maintaining transparency regarding course approvals and renewals. At this time, we are experiencing extended processing times for course evaluations due to ongoing staffing and workload challenges.

### What You Need to Know

- Processing Times

Providers should anticipate extended waiting periods for course approvals and renewals. In many cases, processing may take months to complete. This applies to all request types: new approvals, renewals, modifications, and corrections, even when they appear straightforward.

- No Expiration Due to NMC Delays

Courses will not expire due to delays resulting from NMC operational circumstances. If you have submitted a renewal request and have not received an official reply regarding approval status or extension and your course is within 7 days of expiration, please contact [NMCCourses@uscg.mil](mailto:NMCCourses@uscg.mil).

- Renewal Requests – Submit Early

Please continue to submit renewal requests no less than 90 days prior to your course expiration date. Early submission helps us support your planning needs and reduces the risk of disruption to your training schedules.

- Communication and General Inquiries

If you have questions or concerns about course approval or renewal processes, you may contact us at (206) 815-6893 or [NMCCourses@uscg.mil](mailto:NMCCourses@uscg.mil). While we are unable to provide detailed timelines for individual requests, we will continue to share general updates and guidance to help you plan.

We appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued partnership as we work to reduce processing times and restore normal service levels.

Sincerely,

/P. A. Drayer/

Patrick A. Drayer

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection