National Maritime Center

Contacting NMC

Send ALL applications for credentials to your nearest REC.

E-mail comments and questions to
IASKNMC@uscg.mil

Contact Us
1-888-427-5662

Scan the below QR Code with your smartphone to visit our website:

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/nmc/recs/

NMC's MISSION

The National Maritime Center (NMC) is the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Authority for the United States Coast Guard under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security.

To ensure a safe, secure, and environmentally sound Marine Transportation System, the mission of the NMC is to issue credentials to fully-qualified mariners in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

Captain Kirsten R. Martin
Commanding Officer

"Serving America's Mariners"

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Regional Exam Centers (REC)

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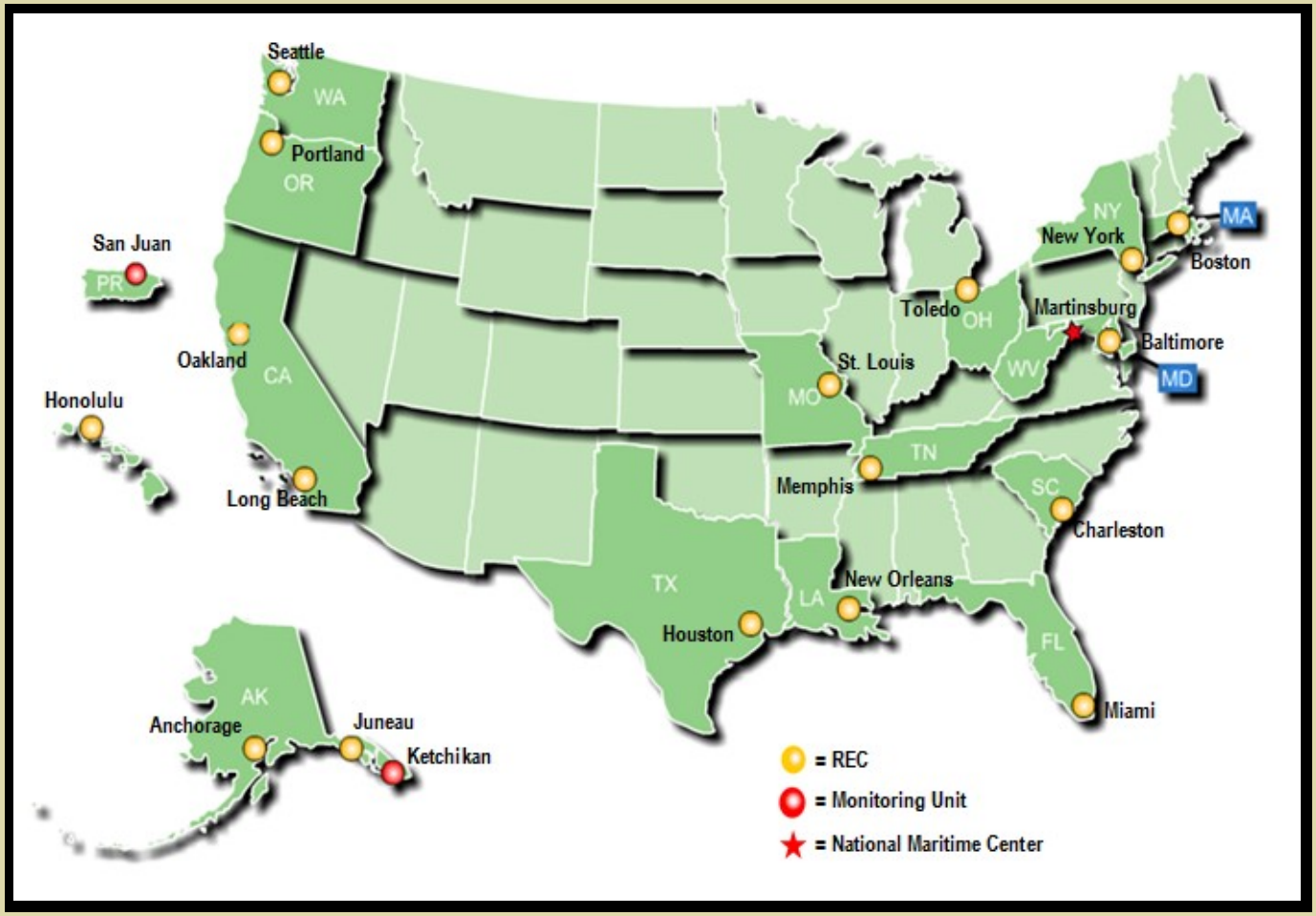

Regional Examination Centers (RECs) are your first stop toward obtaining a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). The 17 RECs and the Monitoring Units are located throughout the United States, and have four primary functions in support of the Mariner Credentialing Program. RECs pre-screen applications for completeness, administer exams, and conduct oversight of approved courses. They also serve as an outreach to the Maritime Industry to ensure a better understanding of the merchant mariner credentialing process.

Did you know our website has an REC section?

- REC location, directions, and hours of operation
- Information about parking
- Information about Federal Building Regulations
- Information about closings or delayed openings

Did you know you can submit your application package to an REC via e-mail?

There are some simple steps required in order to submit your application via e-mail; please visit the webpage below for detailed instructions.

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/forms/electronic_submission_instructions.pdf

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Are you tight on time and still need to visit an REC?

Mariners now have the option to make appointments at an REC online. If you would like to schedule an appointment, take an exam, or submit your application, please use the following web link:
https://www.dco.uscg.mil/nmc/recs/

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