

Frequently Asked Questions: Fees

1. I am applying for a credential. How do I know what amount to pay?

In order to determine the amount due, review [46 CFR 10.219 Table 1](#), and the following tables. When submitting your payment, you must ensure it is for the exact amount required.

Non-Qualified Ratings

Type	Applying For	Eval	Exam	Issue	Total
Original	Ordinary Seaman, Wiper, Steward's Department, and Food Handler	\$95	N/A	\$45	\$140
Renewal	All	\$50	N/A	\$45	\$95
Duplicate	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

*** No charge for Duplicate if loss is due to a marine casualty

Qualified Ratings

Type	Applying For	Eval	Exam	Issue	Total
Original	Able Seaman, Qualified Member of the Engine Department, Lifeboatman, and Tankerman	\$95	\$140	\$45	\$280
Upgrade	Able Seaman, Qualified Member of the Engine Department, and Tankerman	\$95	\$140	\$45	\$280
Modification	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Renewal	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Duplicate	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

*** Exam fee is only necessary when the credential requires testing

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Officer Endorsements

Type	Applying For	Eval	Exam	Issue	Total
Original	3 rd Mate, 2 nd Mate, Chief Mate, Master Unlimited, 3 rd A/E, 2 nd A/E, 1 st A/E, & Chief Engineer Unlimited	\$100	\$110	\$45	\$255
Original	All other Officer Endorsements not listed above	\$100	\$95	\$45	\$240
Raise of Grade	All	\$100	\$45	\$45	\$190
Modification	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Renewal	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$95
Duplicate	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

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2. I am applying for an international endorsement (STCW). Am I required to pay any fees?

If you are applying for an STCW endorsement only, there is no fee. If an application for an international endorsement will alter or is in conjunction with a national endorsement, the fees for the national transaction will apply.

3. I am applying for a Medical Certificate only. Am I required to pay any fees?

If you are applying for a Medical Certificate only, there is no fee. A request for only a Medical Certificate requires either a CG-719K or CG-719K/E form. If you are submitting an application (form CG-719B) for any domestic endorsement or an international endorsement that will alter or is in conjunction with a domestic endorsement, the fees for the domestic transaction will apply.

4. I am applying for more than one endorsement. Will I be required to pay for each?

Regardless of the number of endorsements requested, only one evaluation fee and one issuance fee will be required. The required evaluation fee is determined based on the cost of the highest endorsement you are requesting.

5. Do I have to pay all fees required at once?

You do not have to pay all required fees at the same time. Many applicants choose to pay all required fees up-front to streamline the processing of their application. If you choose to pay your fees separately, please be aware that:

- When submitting your application, the evaluation fee must be submitted or your file will be held until the evaluation fee payment has been processed by the REC. You will be sent an Awaiting Information letter about this and granted 60 days to resolve the issue.
- If required, the examination fee must be submitted prior to taking your first examination. You may choose to pay the examination fee at the REC on the first day of your examination appointment or in advance through Pay.gov. If you pay through Pay.gov, you must bring the payment receipt with you to your appointment.
- Your credential will not be issued until the issuance fee is received. (Choosing to pay this fee up-front will reduce the processing time caused by the steps taken to resolve a missing fee including written notification to you and the time it takes to process your payment information.) For Non-Qualified Ratings applications, the issuance fee is required at the same time as the evaluation, because the application does not get a Sea Service Evaluation.

6. What forms of payment are accepted?

The preferred method to make your payment is through [Pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov). If paying via Pay.gov, be sure to send in a copy of your payment receipt. If you prefer to pay in-person at a Regional Exam Center (REC), you can pay by check, credit card, or money order. The majority of RECs are no longer able to process cash payments—please be prepared to use another method of payment. Payments submitted by mail may NOT be made in cash.

7. I want to pay by check/money order and mail it to the REC. To whom do I address the check?

If paying by check or money order, write **U.S. Coast Guard** in the “Pay to the order of” line. On the “Memo” line write your full name and mariner reference number OR the last four digits of your social security number. Checks mailed to an REC for an incorrect amount will be returned to the applicant with a request for the correct amount.