

Frequently Asked Questions: Fees

EFFECTIVE January 19, 2025, the mandatory fees payment method is through [pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov). Be sure to send in a copy of your payment receipt.

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 (1)	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

(1) 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
Raise of Grade (2)	Able Seaman, Qualified Member of the Engine Department, and Tankerman	\$95	\$140	\$45	\$280
Modification (2)	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Renewal	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Duplicate (1)	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

(1) No charge for Duplicate if loss is due to a marine casualty.

(2) Exam fee is only necessary when the credential requires testing.

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 (2)	All	\$100	\$45	\$45	\$190
Modification (2)	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Renewal	All	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$140
Duplicate (1)	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

(1) No charge for Duplicate if loss is due to a marine casualty.

(2) Exam fee is only necessary when the endorsement sought requires testing.

2. What is a Raise of Grade or a Modification?

A **Raise of Grade** is an increase in the level of authority and responsibility associated with an officer or rating endorsement, such as from mate to master or second assistant engineer to first assistant engineer. A **modification** is additional authority added to an existing credential, such as adding a new route or increasing the authorized horsepower or tonnage. Per 46CFR 10.107. For more information, see [Raise in Grade vs. Modification Tables](#).

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

Regardless of the number of endorsements requested on an application, 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.

6. 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 application will be rejected, and you will be required to resubmit it with the appropriate evaluation fee via [pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov).
- 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](https://www.pay.gov). If you pay through [pay.gov](https://www.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.