Frequently Asked Questions: Fees

EFFECTIVE January 19, 2025, all fees related to applying for a merchant mariner credential (MMC) must be paid through pay.gov.

A copy of your receipt for payment of at least the evaluation fee associated with the credential you are seeking must be provided with your application. A receipt for all other fees (examination or issuance) must be provided when they are paid, or those services will be delayed.

1. Do I have to pay an evaluation fee with my application?

Yes. Before completing your pay.gov transaction, make sure that you have paid the evaluation fee if the transaction requires one. All requests for a credential except STCW, continuity, duplicate, and medical certificates require an evaluation fee. Use the table below to determine the correct evaluation fee amount.

2. 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 Seafarer, 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) There is no charge for a duplicate if loss is due to a marine casualty.

Qualified Ratings					
Type	**Applying For**	**Eval**	**Exam**	**Issue**	**Total**
Original	Able Seafarer, Qualified Member of the Engine Department, Lifeboat Operator, and Tank Vessel	$95	$140	$45	$280
Raise in Grade (2)	Able Seafarer, Qualified Member of the Engine Department, and Tank Vessel	$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) There is no charge for a 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	3rd Mate, 2nd Mate, Chief Mate, Master Unlimited. 3rd A/E, 2nd A/E, 1st A/E, & Chief Engineer Unlimited	$100	$110	$45	$255
Original	Staff Officer	$90	N/A	$45	$135
Original	Radio Officer	$50	$45	$45	$140
Original	All other Officer Endorsements not listed above	$100	$95	$45	$240
Raise in Grade (2)	All	$100	$45	$45	$190
Modification (2)	All	$50	$45	$45	$140
Renewal	All except for staff and radio officers	$50	$45	$45	$140
Duplicate (1)	All	N/A	N/A	$45	$45

(1) There is no charge for a duplicate if loss is due to a marine casualty.
(2) Exam fee is only necessary when the endorsement sought requires testing.

3. What are raise in grade and modification?

A **raise in 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. For more information, see Raise in Grade vs. Modification Tables.

4. 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.

5. 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 must be paid.

6. 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. **Note**, if another endorsement is issued afterward on the same application, you will need to pay another issuance fee.

7. I am applying for a duplicate credential since the credential was accidently lost or destroyed. Do I have to pay a fee?

You will need to pay for an issuance fee of the duplicate credential. If the credential was lost as result of a marine casualty, then there is no fee associated with replacement.

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

No. 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 evidence that the appropriate evaluation fee was paid via pay.gov.
- If required, the examination fee must be submitted prior to taking your first examination. You must pay the examination fee 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 paid and proof of payment is received.