Guide to Filling Out Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) Application Form (CG-719B)

All information in Section I: Applicant Information parts 1-5e is **required** unless the information is not applicable to you.
All highlighted information is required (6a and 6c).

While a home address is preferred, the NMC will accept a PO Box address.

6b is only required if you wish to have all correspondence and your credential(s) mailed to an address OTHER THAN your home address (6a). If your mailing address is the same as your home address, leave 6b blank.

6d, 6e, and 6f are optional. However, they are recommended if you wish to receive emailed correspondence (6d) regarding the status of your application, if you have an alternate phone number (6e) at which you want to be contacted, or another method of contact (6f).
All information in this section (Next of Kin/Emergency Contact) is optional.
All information in Section II: Requested Coast Guard Credential(s) is required.

If the endorsement you are applying for falls under any of the highlighted categories (all but Renewal), see the Classification of Endorsements to determine the specific endorsement you are applying for and enter that information in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired section (see next page).

If you are applying for a Document of Continuity, specify which endorsement(s) are going into continuity in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired section (see next page).

NOTE: If you are unsure which endorsement to apply for:
- Options for military officers and enlisted personnel are located on the NMC’s Military to Mariner webpage.
- All others should contact their employer, union, school/maritime academy and/or local U.S. Coast Guard Officer In Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI) to discuss your options/desires before completing the application form.

For examples of how to select the appropriate endorsement and enter the correct information in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box, click here.
If you are applying for any endorsement other than a Renewal, this section is **required**.

In this section, enter the specific endorsement for which you are applying, as determined by the **Classification of Endorsements**.

For **examples** of how to select the appropriate endorsement and enter the correct information in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box, [click here](#).

If you are applying for a **Document of Continuity**, specify which endorsement(s) you want to put into continuity. If you want all of your credentials to be placed into continuity, write “ALL CREDENTIALS HELD”.

If you are applying for **Tankerman-PIC (DL) Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels**, no medical certificate is required. Therefore, you must include your **height**, **weight**, and **sex** in this description box.

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Section III: Safety and Suitability

1. TWIC (Transportation Worker's Identification Credential) EXEMPTION STATEMENT - I have previously applied for a TWIC with TSA and I am exempt from holding a valid TWIC under Coast Guard Policy Letter 11-15. I understand that a name based safety and suitability check could significantly delay the processing of my Merchant Mariner Credential Application.

2. Criminal Record (Convictions and Drug Use): If you answer Yes to ANY of the questions below you must disclose the information regarding the conviction. You may complete the optional form CG-719C for each question marked “Yes.”

   a) Have you ever been a user of/ or addicted to a dangerous drug, including marijuana, within the last 10 years?  
      [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   b) Have you ever been convicted of violating a dangerous drug law of the United States, District of Columbia, or any state, or territory of the United States?  
      [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   c) Have you ever been convicted by any court—including military court - for an offense other than a minor traffic violation?  
      [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   d) Have you ever been convicted of a traffic infraction arising in a connection with a fatal traffic accident, reckless driving or racing on a highway or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of, or impaired by, alcohol or a controlled substance?  
      [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   e) Have you ever had your driver’s license revoked or suspended for refusing to submit to an alcohol or drug test?  
      [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   f) Have you ever had a drug test with a result other than negative within the last 10-years?  
      [ ] Yes  [ ] No

3. National Driver Registry (NDR) Consent (Mandatory for Original, Renewal, or new Officer Endorsement): I authorize the National Driver Registry to furnish the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) information pertaining to my driving record. This consent constitutes authorization for a single access to the information contained in the NDR to verify information provided in this application. NOTE: Not required for Document of Continuity applicants.

   I understand the USCG will make the information received from the NDR available to me for review and written comment prior to disapproving my application or taking any action against my Merchant Mariner's Credential. Authority: 46 U.S.C. 710(g), 46 U.S.C. 7302(c), and 46 U.S.C. 7505.

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1. Only check this box if you are exempt.
2. Only fill out part 2 of this section if you have not already disclosed this information on a previous application. This section is not required if you are applying for a Continuity.
3. Check this box if you are applying for an Original, Renewal or new Officer Endorsement. This section is not required if you are applying for a Continuity.

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### Section IV: Mariner’s Consent/Certification

1. **Mariner Outreach System (Optional):** I consent to voluntary participation in the Mariner Outreach System to be used by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) in the event of a national emergency or sealift crisis. In such an emergency, MARAD would disseminate my contact information to an appropriate maritime employment office to determine my availability for possible employment on a sealift vessel. Once consent is given, it remains effective until revoked either by subsequent application or by sending a signed notice of revocation to the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center, 100 Forbes Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25404. For more information, please visit [https://mos.marad.dot.gov/](https://mos.marad.dot.gov/).

   - Yes, I would like to participate
   - No thanks, I do not wish to participate at this time

2. **FOR CONTINUITY RENEWAL ONLY**
   I understand that a Document of Continuity is not valid for use in accordance with 46 CFR 10.227 and aware of the requirements to obtain an MMC. STCW endorsements may not be placed in continuity per 46 CFR 10.227.

3. **CONSENT:** I am under 18 years of age and a notarized statement of parental/guardian consent is attached.

4. **Applicant’s Signature**
   - **Signature of Applicant:**
     - Signature: [X]
     - Date (MM/DD/YYYY): [ ]
   - **Signature of individual authorized to administer the Oath.** This is required only once for a mariner.
     - Signature: [X]
     - Date (MM/DD/YYYY): [ ]
   - **Name of individual authorized to administer the Oath:**

5. **Printed Name of Applicant:**

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1. **Number 1 is optional.**
2. **Check the box for number 3 if you are under the age of 18.**
3. **Number 5 is required.** Signature of applicant is required for all applications. Signature for Oath and name of person giving oath is only required for Original applicants.
4. **Printed Name of Applicant is not required,** but helps to process your application.
If Third Party Authorization is given, it only applies to the Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). A separate authorization is required for a Medical Certificate.

### Third Party Authorization

**6. Third Party Authorization (Optional)**

I understand that by checking boxes 6a - 6d in Section IV, I authorize release of information, MMC, or authority to act on my behalf to the third party indicated until issuance of a MMC or until Agency final action is made.

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<td>Safety and Suitability</td>
<td>Name of Organization or Third Party</td>
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<td>6b</td>
<td>Professional qualifications, certification records, training records, or Sea Service</td>
<td>Organization Point of Contact (if applicable)</td>
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<td>6c</td>
<td>Merchant Mariner Credential Delivery</td>
<td>Street Address</td>
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<td>6d</td>
<td>Act on my behalf in all matters pertaining to the processing of my current USCG credential application (All of the above)</td>
<td>City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, Email Address</td>
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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date (MM/DD/YYYY)**

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(6) **Third Party Authorization**: A third party is any person or company you approve to discuss your application with the NMC. You can limit what a third party can do, or you can authorize the third party to act on all matters related to your application. Designating a third party is entirely **optional**.

**Printed Name of Applicant is **not required**, but helps to process your application.
If the only endorsements for which you are applying are **Renewals**, no further information is needed in the **Description of Endorsements(s) Desired** box.

If you wish for your renewed credential(s) to be issued immediately, check the box next to **FOR RENEWAL TRANSACTIONS ONLY**.

**Post-Dating**: Post-dating only applies to renewal only applications. If you apply for a renewal only and **DO NOT check the box (2)** on the application, you will be issued a post-dated MMC (up to 8 months out).

E.g., if your renewal MMC is ready to be printed on 06/01/18, and you **DID NOT check the box (2)**, and your current MMC does not expire until 08/01/2018, your new MMC will be printed with validity dates of 08/02/2018 through 08/02/2023.
If you are applying for a Renewal as well as any other endorsement (for example, a Document of Continuity), additional information is needed.

In the **Description of Endorsement(s) Desired** box, specify which endorsement(s) you want renewed and which endorsement(s) you want placed into continuity.

Include all appropriate information regarding the endorsement(s), including Officer information (Master/Mate/Propulsion/Tonnage/Route) or Rating type. All this information can be found in the Classification of Endorsements.

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**Renew Master Self-Propelled Vessels 200 Inland**

**Place Master of Tow GL & Inland into continuity**
If you are applying for a **Renewal** as well as any other endorsement (for example, a Raise of Grade, New Endorsement, or Increase in Scope), further information is needed.

In the **Description of Endorsement(s) Desired** box, include which endorsement(s) you want renewed and which endorsement(s) you want as a Raise of Grade/New Endorsement/Increase in Scope.

**Renew all credentials and add Lifeboatman**
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1. If you are applying for a Raise of Grade, New Endorsement, or Increase in Scope, additional information is required.

2. If you do not know the specific endorsement for which you are applying, reference the Classification of Endorsements. Include all appropriate information in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box.

Advanced firefighting

(d) STCW endorsements. At least one of the CG-719B Section II STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §10.103 of this subpart) STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §10.103 of this subpart): 3/27/2019

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If you are applying for an Original endorsement, additional information is required.

If you do not know the specific endorsement for which you are applying, reference the Classification of Endorsements. Include all appropriate information in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box.

* Be as specific as possible. For example, if you want Auxiliary Sail, include it in the description.
If you are applying for an Original Tankerman PIC DL Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels, you must include your height, weight, and sex in the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box. Height, weight, and sex are only needed when applying for this specific endorsement alone.

In the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box, include which endorsement(s) you want and, if applying for Tankerman PIC DL Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels, include your height, weight, and sex. A medical certificate application is not required for this specific endorsement. The required application form does not have a place for height, weight, and sex. However, the NMC needs these items to be able to print the endorsement.
46 CFR 10.109 Classification of endorsements.

(a) **National officer endorsements.** If applying for an officer endorsement, at least one of the CG-719B Section II Officer boxes must be selected and the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box must include the at least one of the following national officer endorsements as established in 46 CFR part 11:

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<th>Deck Officers – include desired tonnage and route/waters</th>
<th>Engineering Officers – include desired vessel type or propulsion and horsepower</th>
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<td>(1) Master.</td>
<td>(1) Chief engineer.</td>
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<td>(2) Chief engineer (limited).</td>
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<td>(3) Second mate.</td>
<td>(3) First assistant engineer.</td>
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<td>(4) Third mate.</td>
<td>(4) Second assistant engineer.</td>
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<td>(5) Mate.</td>
<td>(5) Third assistant engineer.</td>
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<td>(6) Master of towing vessels.</td>
<td>(6) Assistant engineer (limited).</td>
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<td>(7) Master of towing vessels, limited.</td>
<td>(7) Designated duty engineer (DDE).</td>
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<td>(8) Mate (pilot) of towing vessels.</td>
<td>(8) Chief engineer (OSV).</td>
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<td>(9) Apprentice mate (Steersman).</td>
<td>(9) Assistant engineer (OSV).</td>
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<td>(10) Apprentice mate (Steersman), limited.</td>
<td>(10) Chief engineer MODU.</td>
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<td>(11) Operator of uninspected passenger vessels (OUPV).</td>
<td>(11) Assistant engineer MODU.</td>
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<td>(12) Master of uninspected fishing industry vessels.</td>
<td>(12) Chief engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels.</td>
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<td>(13) Mate of uninspected fishing industry vessels.</td>
<td>(13) Assistant engineer uninspected fishing industry vessels.</td>
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<td>(14) Master (OSV).</td>
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<td>(17) First-class pilot.</td>
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<td>(2) Offshore installation manager (OIM).</td>
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<td>(3) Barge supervisor (BS).</td>
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<td>(4) Ballast control operator (BCO).</td>
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<td>(5) Radio officer.</td>
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<td>(6) Radar observer.</td>
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<td>(2) Purser.</td>
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<td>(4) Junior assistant purser.</td>
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<td>(5) Medical doctor.</td>
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<td>(6) Professional nurse.</td>
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<td>(7) Marine physician assistant.</td>
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<td>(8) Hospital corpsman.</td>
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46 CFR 10.109 Classification of endorsements.

(d) **STCW endorsements.** If applying for an STCW endorsement, at least one of the CG-719B Section II STCW boxes must be selected and the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box must include the at least one of the following national rating endorsements as established in 46 CFR parts 11, 12, or 13 of this subchapter as well as the STCW Convention and STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §10.103 of this subpart):

1. Master.
2. Chief mate.
3. Officer in charge of a navigational watch (OICNW).
4. Chief engineer officer.
5. Second engineer officer.
6. Officer in charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine room (OICEW).
8. Rating forming part of a navigational watch (RFPNW).
10. Rating forming part of an engineering watch in a manned engine room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine room (RFPEW).
11. Able seafarer-engine.
13. Basic training (BT).
15. Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats (PSC).
16. Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats—limited (PSC—limited).
17. Proficiency in fast rescue boats.
18. Person in charge of medical care.
19. Medical first-aid provider.
20. GMDSS at-sea maintainer.
21. GMDSS operator.
22. Advanced oil tanker cargo operation.
23. Advanced chemical tanker cargo operation.
25. Basic oil and chemical tanker cargo operation.
26. Basic liquefied gas tanker cargo operation.
27. Vessel Security Officer.
28. Vessel personnel with designated security duties.
30. High-speed craft (HSC) type rating certificate.
31. Basic Polar Code Operations**
32. Advanced Polar Code Operations**

**Note: Not listed in 46 CFR 10.109 Classification of Endorsements. Endorsements are issued on STCW and are defined in Policy Letter 02-18.**
46 CFR 10.109 Classification of endorsements.

(b) **National rating endorsements.** If applying for a rating endorsement, at least one of the CG 719B Section II Qualified Rating boxes must be selected and the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box must include at least one of the following national rating endorsements as established in 46 CFR parts 12 & 13:

1. Able seaman:
   - i. Unlimited;
   - ii. Limited;
   - iii. Special;
   - iv. Special (OSV);
   - v. Sail; and
   - vi. Fishing industry.

2. Qualified member of the engine department (QMED), including the following specialty endorsements:
   - i. Oiler;
   - ii. Fireman/Watertender;
   - iii. Junior engineer;
   - iv. Pumpman/Machinist; and
   - v. Electrician/Refrigerating engineer.

3. Lifeboatman.


5. Cadet (deck or engine).

6. Student observer.

7. Apprentice engineer.

8. Apprentice mate.

9. Tankerman-PIC.

10. Tankerman-PIC (Barge).

11. Restricted Tankerman-PIC.

12. Restricted Tankerman-PIC (Barge).

13. Tankerman assistant.

14. Tankerman engineer.

15. Tankerman-PIC (DL) Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels.

(c) **Entry-level mariner** means a mariner holding no rating other than ordinary seaman, wiper, steward's department, or steward's department food handler (F.H.). If applying for an entry-level endorsement, at least one of the CG 719B Section II Entry Level boxes must be selected and the Description of Endorsement(s) Desired box must include the at least one of the following entry level endorsements:

1. Ordinary seaman.

2. Wiper.

3. Steward's department.