How to Obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential

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If applicable, obtain a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) ✳

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Submit CG-719B (Application for Merchant Mariner Credential) to a local Regional Exam Center (REC) in person or by mail ✳

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Application content is verified by the REC and forwarded to the National Maritime Center (NMC) for processing ✳ ✾

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Application is reviewed
- **Security** (Criminal record review, verify citizenship)
- **Medical** (719K/E for entry level; 719K Physical Exam form completed within 12 months of application date)
- **Professional Qualifications** (service experience, training, examinations) ✳ ✾

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Mariner credential is printed

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Credential is mailed to mariner

To check the status of a credential application, go to **homeport.uscg.mil**, click the **Merchant Mariner** heading in the lower left column, and select **Merchant Mariner Application Status**. Please have your Merchant Mariner reference number and follow the on-screen directions.

Please remember:
- Mariners may mail or e-mail their application (CG-719B) to a local REC.
- Use www.pay.gov to pay all fees associated with an MMC. Include a copy of the www.pay.gov receipt with the MMC application.
- In order to avoid delays, remember to include ALL documentation, training, sea time, and medical records.
- Mariners with an e-mail address will be notified each time the status of their credential changes by electronic mail.
- The NMC's website is always available and provides additional information about the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Program. www.uscg.mil/nmc
- Have a question? Call or write to the NMC. E-mail: iasknmc@uscg.mil. Phone: 1-888-IASKNMC (1-888-427-5662)

Notes

✳ *1 - For TWIC Information: http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/index.shtm To determine if a TWIC is needed, see Policy Letter No. 11-15 (http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/marpers/pag/twic_809_policy_letter.pdf)*

2 - Mariners may also be required to submit CG-719K / CG-719K/E (Mariner Medical Forms), CG-719P (Drug Test), etc. REC Mailing Addresses can be found at http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/recs

3 - Application content is verified using the MMC Application Acceptance Checklist within 48 hours of submittal by the mariner (http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/MLD-FM-NMC1-08_Application_Acceptance_Checklist.pdf)

4 - Once approved to test, mariners have 1 calendar year to complete their qualifying tests

✾ *Mariners are contacted by mail via an Awaiting Information letter if additional clarification is required*