

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) & applicable forms to a local Regional Exam Center (REC) by e-mail, mail, or in person * *



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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** (Hold a valid medical certificate or 719K/E form for entry level or 719K form)
- **Professional Qualifications** (service experience, training, examinations) * *

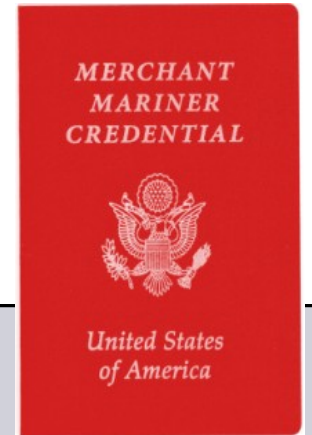


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Mariner credential is printed

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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 e-mail or mail their application (CG-719B) to a local REC.
- It is highly recommended to use www.pay.gov to pay all fees associated with an MMC. Include a copy of the 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 receive an e-mail each time the status of their credential(s) changes.
- The NMC website is available 24/7 and provides additional information about the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Program. www.uscg.mil/nmc (LiveChat available 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST M-F)
- Have a question? Chat, e-mail or call the NMC.
E-mail: iasknmc@uscg.mil. Phone: 1-888-IASKNMC (1-888-427-5662)

Notes

- * 1 - For TWIC Information: www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic. To determine if a TWIC is needed, see Policy Letter No. 11-15 (www.uscg.mil/nmc/)
- 2 - To see what additional forms are needed visit our Merchant Mariner Credential page at www.dco.uscg.mil/nmc/merchant_mariner_credential. REC e-mailing and mailing addresses can be found at www.dco.uscg.mil/nmc/recs. If only a medical certificate is requested, send ONLY the mariner medical forms directly to the NMC at MEDAIP@uscg.mil
- 3 - Only CG-719K or CG-719K/E forms can be received and processed directly at the NMC
- 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