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Mariner Licensing and Documentation (MLD) Quarterly Credential Evaluation Report

The MLD Quarterly Credential Evaluation Report is a summary of processing activity at the National Maritime Center (NMC) in Martinsburg, WV. This report covers evaluation volume and performance for the time-period from *May 1, 2008* through *July 31, 2008*.

- **Credential Evaluations Assigned: 13,331** - This represents the total number of credentials requested by merchant mariners that were assigned to the Professional Qualifications Evaluations Branch (PQEB) at NMC. The national average of credentials requested per application is 1.4, which translates to 9,522 applications assigned. Figure 1 shows a 36% increase over credential evaluations assigned during the previous quarter. This is due largely to the transitioning of RECs New York, Portland, Charleston, Honolulu and Miami.

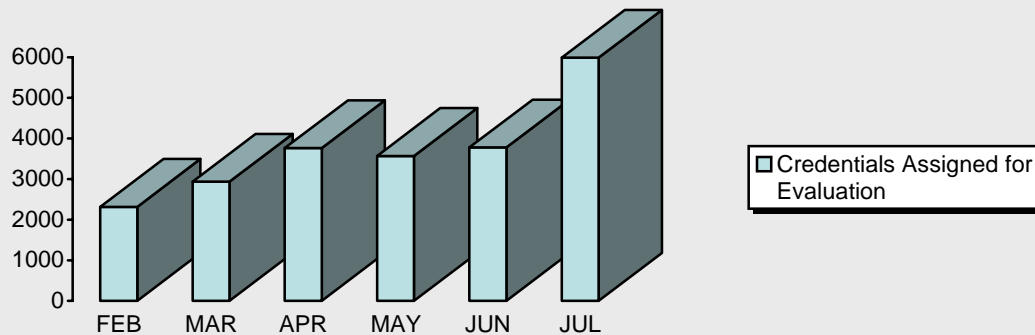


Figure 1

- **Medical Evaluations: 1703** - This represents the total number of physical examination reports that were forwarded to the Medical Evaluation Branch (MEB) after PQEB assignment. Figure 2 shows that only 1% of all examinations reviewed by MEB resulted in denial. Certain prescription medications for anxiety/depression and prescription narcotic pain medications along with implantable cardiac defibrillators were the leading causes for denial.

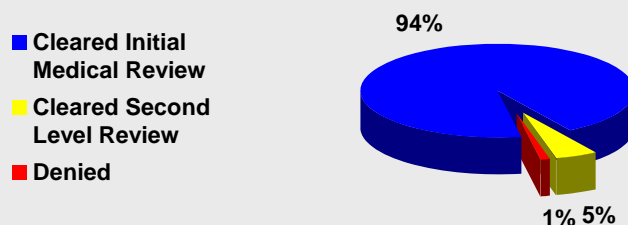


Figure 2

- **Safety and Security Evaluations: 14,116** - This represents the total number of safety and security background checks that were conducted. Figure 3 shows that 84% of these checks were satisfactorily completed during the initial screening process while 14% were satisfactorily completed after additional investigation. Only 2% of all background checks conducted during this last quarter resulted in denial. Criminal convictions related to dangerous drugs (use and/or possession) were the principal factors which led to denial.

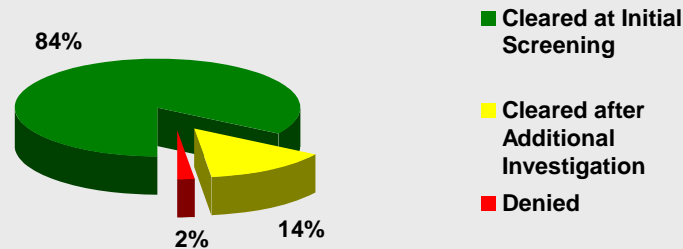


Figure 3

- **Missing Information** - Many applications received by the Coast Guard for merchant mariner credentials are missing required information. Below are the top three items most commonly identified as missing or incomplete from merchant mariner application submissions:

1. Insufficient sea service for credentials(s) requested;

Review your sea service documentation against regulatory requirements to ensure that you have the correct type and amount prior to submitting your application for evaluation. If you require assistance in making this determination feel free to contact 1-888-IASKNMC, e-mail IASKNMC@uscg.mil or contact your local Regional Examination Center.

2. Missing, incomplete, or improper drug testing compliance documentation; and

Review your chemical testing documentation and ensure that it is dated within six months from the time you are planning to make application and that the laboratory is an accredited SAMSHA facility. For additional information you can visit: <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/drugtest.asp>

3. Missing or incomplete physical examination report.

Review your physical examination documentation and ensure that the CG-719K or CG-719 K/E (if applicable) are complete and signed by your medical practitioner within the past 12 months.

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