

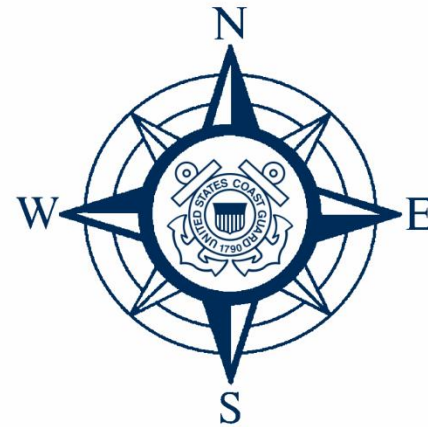
NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER



Welcome to the National Maritime Center's new credential wizard.

The wizard will help guide you through the process of obtaining your new or original credential.

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Applying for a New Credential falls under Title 46 Sections 10-13 of the [Code of Federal Regulations](#)

MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS



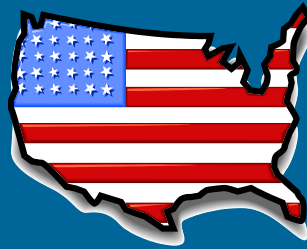
- The wizard will help you with questions you might have in becoming a US Merchant Mariner.
- Once you are deemed to be qualified you will be issued a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) containing all of your qualifications.

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AMERICAN CITIZEN

Welcome to the NMC Original Application Wizard



The wizard will take you through a series of questions which will help you to prepare for obtaining your MMC.

Are you an American Citizen?

YES

NO

NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER

United States Citizenship Requirements and Exceptions



With few exceptions you must be a United States citizen in order to obtain a Mariner Credential.

If you have any further questions about citizenship requirements please contact our Call Center; otherwise select continue.

Exceptions

Call Center

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AGE REQUIREMENTS

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Depending on the endorsement(s) you are applying for, the minimum age can range from 16 (with parental consent) to 21.

Click below to see the specific requirements.

Age Requirements

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TWIC

Transportation Workers Identification Credential



You must currently hold or have applied for a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). If you do not hold or have not applied for a TWIC your application for an MMC will not be accepted.

Do you hold or have you applied for a TWIC?

YES

NO

TWIC

Transportation Workers Identification Credential



You must be in the process of applying for a TWIC ([Federal Code](#)) before submitting your application.

TWIC Application

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TWIC

Transportation Workers Identification Credential



Please provide a copy of your TWIC card or your TWIC enrollment receipt with your application.

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MEDICAL EXAM

Medical Exam



In order to obtain an MMC you must pass a physical exam. Have your Doctor complete [CG-719K](#) or [CG-719K/E](#).

Please continue for more information.

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MEDICAL EXAMS

Medical Exam



You must pass a physical exam before you will be issued a credential . You should review Navigation and Inspection Information Circular [04-08](#) when you get your physical. You must have your Doctor complete all sections of the [719K](#) form.

[NMC Medical Web Link!](#)

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COMMON ERRORS

Common Errors

Please review your physical form:

Submitting your application with any of these errors will delay the processing of your credential.

Have your doctor correct them prior to submitting your application.

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Did your Doctor sign the form and put his/her license number?

Missing uncorrected vision (Section III)

Uncorrected vision tested with corrective lenses (Section III)

Missing pulse rate/rhythm (Section II)

No response to medication section (Section VI)

Missing field of vision (Section III)

Hearing not marked as normal or impaired.

Incomplete Applications Will Cause delays

Please visit NMC website for more information – [click here](#).

TOP 5 MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Top 5 Medical Conditions that can cause a major delay or denial of your Merchant Mariner Credential.



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- A) Cardiac disease,
- B) Diabetes,
- C) Psychiatric disorders,
- D) Sleep apnea,
- E) Chronic use of narcotic or benzodiazepine medication.

Please visit NMC website for more information – [click here.](#)

DRUG TEST

Drug Test



You must complete a [DOT 5 Panel](#) Drug Test ([CG-719P](#)) from a certified lab or be enroll in [Approved Drug Testing Program](#).

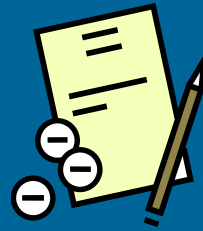
Have you completed your Drug Test or Program?

YES

NO

DRUG TEST

Drug Test



You must provide the results of your drug test from an approved lab or evidence of being subject to a random drug testing program that meets the [requirements](#) of 46 CFR 16.230 with your application.

Only DOT 5 Panel drug test from a certified lab will be accepted ([SAMHSA 5 Panel](#)).

[Certified Labs](#)

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SEATIME SERVICE

Sea Service



Mariners are required to have varying levels of sea service depending on the endorsements being applied for. Sea Service requirements are documented in [Title 46 section 11.213](#).

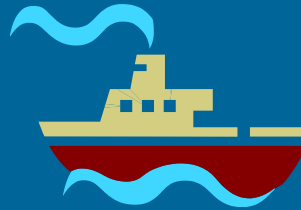
Do you have your [Sea Service Letters](#) or Certificates of Discharge?

YES

NO

SEATIME SERVICE

Sea Service



In order to become a U.S. Mariner you must have proof of Sea Service required by [46 CFR 11.213](#). You must submit your military sea service transcript, discharge certificates, employers letters or [self certification](#) with your application.

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STCW

Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping



If you will be sailing more than 100 nm off shore or in foreign waters you will be subject to STCW requirements. Provide copies of all of your course completion certificates with Your application.

Do you meet the STCW Requirements:

YES

Not Sure?

STCW

Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping



There are different levels of training required by STCW.
You must meet those requirements.

NMC Approved Courses

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CHARACTER REFERENCE

Character References



If you are applying for an Officer Endorsement(s) you are required to submit three letters of recommendation in accordance with [46 CFR 11.201](#).

Do you have your references?

YES

NO

CHARACTER REFERENCE

Character References



In order to be approved for officer endorsements you must submit three letters of recommendation in regards to your ability to perform your duty in accordance with [46 CFR 11.201](#) .

Submitting your application without the references will delay your credentials. For an example form for references please select sample.

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Sample

Paying at Pay.Gov



We highly recommended that you use [Pay.Gov - Credit Card Payment Form](#) in order to pay for your Original credential. It is fast, safe, and reliable method of payment. See [Title 46 CFR 10.219](#).

- [Title 46 CFR 10.219 - Mariner's Fees](#)
- [USCG MMC User Fee Payment](#)
- [FOIA Request Payment](#)

Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC)

Instructions for paying online are on the site. Checks, money orders, and credit cards are accepted methods of payment. Checks or money orders must be payable to the U.S. Coast Guard with the Social Security Number printed on the front of the document.

Please DO NOT send cash only checks or money orders.

NMC CHECKLIST



Here you will find a list of items that will help you complete your application.

All new applications must be mailed or dropped off at your local REC.

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- [REC Locations](#)
- [User Fees](#)
- [Application Check List](#)
- [Endorsement Check List](#)
- [Medical Forms](#)
- [Drug Testing](#)
- [Application 719 –B](#)
- [Call Center – IASKNMC](#)
- [TWIC](#)
- [STCW](#)

APPLICATION



Congratulations – you are ready to start the application!

Application

NMC Website

Feedback

End of Wizard