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## Designated Examiner Program

Today, based on an excellent recommendation from the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), the National Maritime Center (NMC) launched a new customer service tool on its website ([www.uscg.mil/nmc](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc)) that covers the basics of the Designated Examiner (DE) Program. It can be found by selecting Designated Examiners under the Approved Courses left menu ([http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/designated\\_examiners/](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/designated_examiners/)).

The tool includes the ability to verify the qualification(s) of a DE, using a simple search function. The search capability should assist mariners, employers and others when validating a Towing Officers Assessment Record (TOAR) for those mariners sailing under 46 CFR 11.464(f), which allows holders of Master, greater than 200 GRT, to act as Master Tow under certain conditions. The search, based on the input of last name, will return all DE's with that last name, their first and middle names, their qualification dates and their qualified routes. It is possible that data regarding DE's, if their certification expired prior to 2009, may not display properly. If there are questions regarding the data returned or you are unable to locate the DE you are searching for, please contact our Customer Service Center.

The NMC will continue to upgrade this service as we undertake other system improvements. Should you have any questions related to this, or any other aspect of the NMC's suite of customer services available from our field units or on the NMC website, you can email or call our Customer Service Center for support at [IASKNMC@uscg.mil](mailto:IASKNMC@uscg.mil) or 888-IASKNMC (888-427-5662).

We look forward to your feedback!

Sincerely,

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