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Clarifications to Merchant Mariner Credential Processing

Previous information bulletins introduced the [MMC](#), its [Terminology](#), its [Relationship to the Transportation Workers Identification Credential \(TWIC\)](#) and [how to apply for a MMC by mail](#). This bulletin focuses on clarification of the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Process.

- While it has been said previously, it does bear repeating that after April 15, 2009 mariners will no longer be required to submit photographs, fingerprints or identity documents to the Coast Guard with a Merchant Mariner Credential Application if they were provided to the Coast Guard by TSA in the TWIC process.
- The Merchant Mariner Credential Application Form (719B) is currently being revised. Mariners should continue to use the current form. The NMC will work with mariners to ensure that applications are properly converted. Applications that are submitted by mail must go to an REC.
- Submit copies of your TWIC Receipt or your TWIC with your Merchant Mariner Credential Application.
- After April 15, 2009, if you are submitting an application by mail:
 - Mail your application to an [REC](#)
 - Use [WWW.Pay.Gov](#) to pay your fees
 - Include a copy of your [WWW.Pay.Gov](#) Receipt with your application
- Applicants for Documents of Continuity are not required to obtain or hold a TWIC. An example of the format of a Document of Continuity can be found in the [MMC Presentation](#). Application for a Document of Continuity will continue to be made on the standard application form CG719B.
- There is no change to the application process for duplicate credentials. If you apply for a duplicate of a currently held legacy credential (MMD, License, COR or STCW) after April 15, 2009 it is highly recommended that you apply for renewal, if qualified, of all credentials held since all duplicates issued after that date will be in the form of a MMC.

Sincerely,

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