

## Frequently Asked Questions: Fees

### 1. I am applying for a credential. How do I know what amount to pay?

In order to determine the amount due you can review [46 CFR 10.219 Table A](#). When submitting your payment, you must ensure it is for the exact amount required.

- If you pay an incorrect amount, you will have to request a refund for the entire amount paid and resend a payment for the correct amount owed.
- Checks mailed to a Regional Examination Center (REC) for an incorrect amount will be returned to the applicant with a request for the correct amount.

### 2. I want to pay by check/money order and mail it to the REC. To whom do I address the check?

If paying by check or money order, write **U.S. Coast Guard** in the “Pay to the order of” line. On the “Memo” line write your full name and the last four digits of your social security number or your mariner reference number. You should also specify the credential for which you are applying.

### 3. What forms of payment are accepted?

You can pay by check, credit card, or money order. Cash is not acceptable. The preferred method to make your payment is through [Pay.gov](#). If paying via Pay.gov, be sure to send in a copy of your payment receipt.

### 4. Do I have to pay all fees required at once?

No. Not all required fees have to be paid up front.

- When submitting your application, the evaluation fee must be submitted.
- If required, the examination fee must be submitted prior to taking your first examination.
- Your credential will not be issued until the issuance fee is received.

**5. I am applying for more than one endorsement. Will I be required to pay for each?**

Regardless of the number of endorsements requested, only one evaluation fee and one issuance fee will be required. The evaluation fee required will be determined based on the cost associated with the highest endorsement being requested.

**6. I am applying for an international endorsement (STCW). Am I required to pay any fees?**

If you are applying for an STCW endorsement only, there is no fee. If an application for an international endorsement will alter or is in conjunction with a domestic endorsement, the fees for the domestic transaction will apply.