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ABLE SEAMAN (AB) EVALUATION GUIDELINES

- 1, Applicant must be 18 years of age
 2. Provide a completed application (Form 719B)
 3. Oath
 4. Pass a routine physical and drug screen
 5. Submit letters, discharges, Military transcripts, etc., showing:
 - 180 days on vessels on ocean, Great Lakes or Navigable waters, for AB Special - OSV (Offshore Supply Vessels)
 - 360 days on vessels on ocean, Great Lakes or Navigable waters, for AB Special
 - 540 days on vessels over 100 gross tons for AB Limited (waters not confined to small lakes and rivers)
 - 1080 days on vessels on ocean or Great Lakes waters, for AB Unlimited
- Note: Each day verified as 12 hours on certain vessels (towing and oil field vessels) counts as a day and a half.
6. To serve on vessels which require compliance with STCW 95, the mariner will also need to provide evidence of having qualification as "Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch" (RFPNW) or RFPNW(OSV) for Offshore Supply Vessels.
 7. Submit application to USCG with a diploma from an approved school, PSC (Lifeboat certification) if required, and appropriate fees (\$140) (List of USCG offices on reverse).
 8. Enclose a copy of your TWIC card or evidence of having applied for it.

NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER DETACHMENTS
KNOWN AS REGIONAL EXAMINATION CENTERS (RECs)

(As listed on USCG web site 06/17/15)

ALASKA, Anchorage	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 222 W. 7 th Ave., Box 55, Room 156, Anchorage AK 99515
ALASKA, Juneau (907) 463-2458	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 9105 Mendenhall Mall Rd. Suite 170, Juneau AK 99801
CALIFORNIA, Oakland	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), Federal Bldg, North Tower, 1301 Clay St. Rm. 180N, Oakland CA 94612-5200
CALIFORNIA, Long Beach	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 501 W. Ocean Blvd, Ste 6200, Long Beach CA 90802
FLORIDA, Miami (305) 536-6548	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 6th Floor, Federal Building, 51 SW First Ave., Miami FL 33130-1608
HAWAII, Honolulu (808) 522-8264	U.S. Coast Guard, Regional Exam Center (REC), Honolulu Harbor Pier 4 433 Ala Moana Blvd. Honolulu HI 96813
LOUISIANA, New Orleans (985) 624-5700	U.S. Coast Guard, Regional Exam Center (REC) 4250 Hwy 22, Suite F, Mandeville LA 70471
MARYLAND, Baltimore	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), US Custom House, Rm 420, 40 S. Gay St., Baltimore MD 21202-4022
MASSACHUSETTS, Boston (617) 223-3040	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 455 Commercial St., Boston MA 02109-1045
MISSOURI, St. Louis (314) 539-3091	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), Suite 7.105, 1222 Spruce St., St. Louis MO 63103-2846
NEW YORK, New York	U.S. Coast Guard Activities New York, (REC), Battery Park Bldg., 1 South St., New York NY 10004-1466
OHIO, Toledo	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 420 Madison Ave., Suite 700, Toledo OH 43604-1209
OREGON, Portland (503) 240-9346	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 911 NE 11 th Ave, Rm 637, Portland OR 97232
S. CAROLINA, Charleston (843) 720-3250	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 196 Tradd St., Charleston SC 29401-1899
TENNESSEE, Memphis (901) 544-3297	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC), 200 Jefferson Ave., Suite 1301, Memphis TN 38103-2300
TEXAS, Houston (713) 948-3350	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office (REC), 8876 Gulf Freeway, Suite 200, Houston TX 77017-6595
WASHINGTON, Seattle (206) 220-7327	U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office (REC), 915 Second Ave., Rm. 194, Seattle WA 98174-1067

The Coast Guard has requested that all phone calls to the RECs be made through the National Maritime Center at (888) 427-5662.



ABLE SEAMAN QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

U.S. Coast Guard requirements for an Able Seaman “qualified rating” endorsed on the Merchant Mariner’s Document (MMD), the candidate must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Pass a routine physical examination and drug screen.
- Submit 2 passport photos.
- Possess a Social Security Card (the real thing).
- Submit proof of Citizenship (U.S. or other).
- Provide a completed Coast Guard Application.
- Submit letters of sea service, discharges, military sea service transcripts, etc., showing at least one of the following:

<u>Able Seaman Ratings</u>	Deck Service on vessels of:	Req. Sea Service “8 hour days”	**Req. Sea Service “12 hour days”
Able Seaman Special – OSV (Offshore Supply Vessel)	Over 15 Gross Tons.	180	120
Able Seaman Special	Over 65 Feet in Length.*	360	240
Able Seaman Limited	Over 100 Gross Tons.	540	360
Able Seaman Unlimited	Over 100 Gross Tons.	1080	720

To serve on vessels, which require compliance with STCW-95, the AB candidate also needs to provide evidence of the following qualifications or certifications:

- ✓ If not already completed, 5-day Basic Safety Training Courses (Basic Fire Fighting, Personal Survival, Personal Safety, and Elementary First Aid).
- ✓ Completion of an STCW - Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW) Program.
- ✓ For AB Special, Limited, and Unlimited, complete STCW - Proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC), with lifeboats.

Next:

- Pass the applicable AB Rating examinations at the Coast Guard, or complete Sea School’s USCG approved 5-day Able Seaman Course. Also, for STCW-95, complete Sea School’s RFPNW program and our PSC/lifeboats course. Then submit our AB certificate of completion to the Coast Guard in lieu of taking the Coast Guard AB exams, along with other STCW certificates.

Then:

- Submit to U.S. Coast Guard the completed application, all documents and certificates, along with the \$140.00 user fee (\$95 Evaluation fee + \$45.00 Issuance Fee).

Notes:

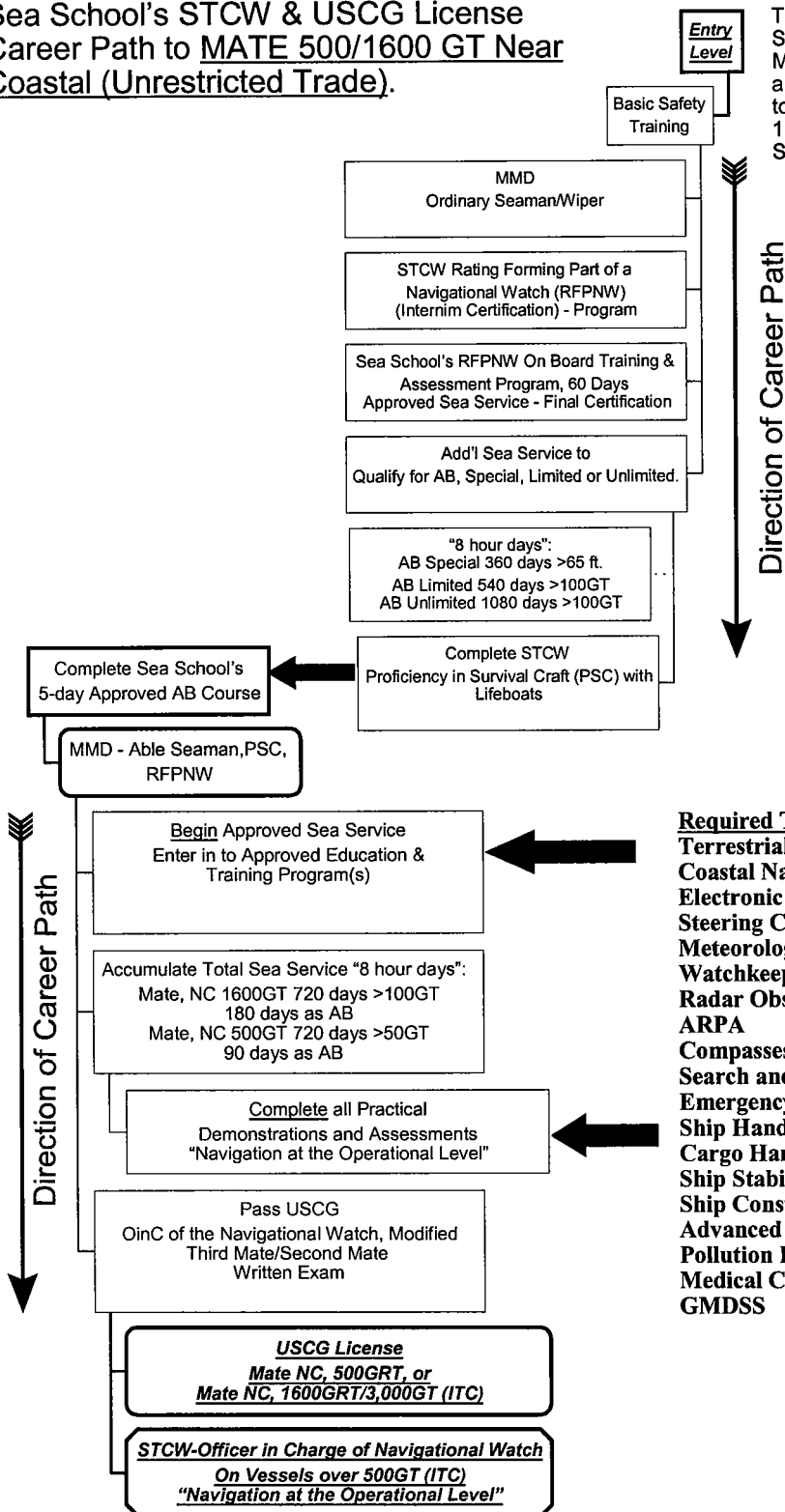
- * May vary somewhat from one Coast Guard Regional Examination Center to the next.
- ** Each verified day as 12 hours on certain vessels (towing and oil field) counts as a day and one-half.

Sea School - St. Petersburg, FL, call 1-800-237-8663

Sea School - Mobile (Bayou La Batre), call 1-800-247-3080

Sea School's STCW & USCG License Career Path to MATE 500/1600 GT Near Coastal (Unrestricted Trade).

The career path starts at entry-level with Basic Safety Training, and then obtaining a Merchant Mariner's Document (MMD). Next comes the approved training and sea service path leading to a USCG License for Mate 500GRT or 1600GRT on Near Coastal Waters, with an STCW-95 Certificate.



Required Training Courses/Programs:

- Terrestrial Navigation
- Coastal Navigation
- Electronic Navigation
- Steering Control Systems
- Meteorology
- Watchkeeping (Including BRM)
- Radar Observer (Unlimited)
- ARPA
- Compasses Magnetic and Gyro
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Procedures
- Ship Handling
- Cargo Handling
- Ship Stability
- Ship Construction
- Advanced FF
- Pollution Prevention
- Medical Care Provider
- GMDSS

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Coast Guard
APPLICATION FOR MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL (FORM CG-719B)

OMB No. 1625-0040
Exp. Date: 03/31/2021

----- Instructions -----

Who must submit this form?

1. Applicants seeking a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), whether original, renewal, duplicate, raise of grade, or a new endorsement on a previously issued MMC and applicants requesting a Medical Certificate.
2. Application Assistance: Please call the National Maritime Center (NMC) at 1-888-IASKNMC (1-888-427-5662), or visit their website for more information. www.uscg.mil/nmc.

Section I: Applicant Information

- I.1 **Legal Name** - Enter complete legal name. Include any aliases you have used and your maiden or prior name(s).
- I.2a **Social Security Number** - If you are applying for an original credential, enter your SSN.
- I.2b **Reference Number** - If you have been credentialed by the Coast Guard in the past, enter your reference number.
- I.2c **Alien Registration Number** - If you are a legal alien, also enter your alien registration number (ARN).
- I.3 **Date of Birth** - If the applicant is under 18 years of age, a notarized statement from legal guardian is required. Attach a notarized statement, signed by a parent or legal guardian, authorizing the Coast Guard to issue a credential.
- I.4 **Citizen** - If not a U.S. citizen, please indicate country of nationality.
- I.5a-c **Place of Birth** - City, State, Country. If born outside the United States, leave State blank.

Section I: Applicant Address and Contact Information (If NMC is unable to contact you, it could cause delays in processing your application.)

- I.6a **Home Address** - Principle place of residence. **PO Box is NOT acceptable.**
- I.6b **Delivery/Mailing Address** - The address to which you want all correspondence and issued credentials sent. If blank, correspondence and credentials will be sent to the Home Address.
- I.6c **Primary Phone Number** - Provide a primary phone number.
- I.6d **Alternate Phone Number** - Provide an alternate phone number if available.
- I.6e **E-mail Address** - The NMC may attempt to contact you via e-mail. If an e-mail address is provided, you will receive automated e-mail updates regarding the status of your application.
- I.6f **Other** - Please provide additional means of communicating with you (*satellite phone, work phone, etc.*) if available.

Section I (continued): Next of Kin/Emergency Contact: (Check the box for preferred contact method)

- I.7a **Next of Kin/Emergency Contact** - Name & Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code.
- I.7b **Relationship** - Provide relationship status to next of kin listed on application. (*i.e. Mother, Father, Spouse*)
- I.7c **Primary Phone Number** - Phone number to contact the person listed in the event of an emergency.
- I.7d **Alternate Phone Number** - Provide a cellular phone number, if available.
- I.7e **E-mail Address** - Provide an e-mail address for Next of Kin listed.

Section II: Requested Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) and endorsements (Including Certificate of Registry)

General Application Requirements:

An applicant must establish that he or she satisfies all the requirements for the MMC and endorsement(s) sought before the MMC is issued. The Coast Guard may refuse to process an incomplete MMC application.

- A quick reference table for the requirements of an MMC and any endorsement is available online at: [46 CFR 10.239](#)
- More information is available on the National Maritime Center (NMC) website: www.uscg.mil/nmc

MMC and Endorsement Application Descriptions:

All Mariners will receive a single Merchant Mariner Credential. Describe all desired capacities and limitations both national and STCW including tonnage, waters, propulsion mode, horsepower, ratings (*Ordinary Seaman, Able Seaman, QMED-Oiler, etc.*), purser, doctor, radio operator, continuity, etc.

1. **Original MMC** - An applicant must apply for an original MMC if they have never held any Coast Guard issued credential or if the first credential issued to applicant after their previous credential was revoked pursuant to 46 CFR Part 10. Complete the application and ensure all mandatory documents are contained with application.
2. **Renewal MMC** - A credential may be renewed at any time during its validity and for one year after expiration; you must be qualified to renew all Domestic/STCW Officer and Rating endorsements to receive an MMC with a new five year expiration date. An MMC renewal-only transaction will automatically be issued with a date that coincides with the expiration date of your previous credential or a date that is 8-months from the time the Coast Guard accepted your application, whichever is sooner. Page 3, Section II of this form provides you the opportunity to decline this post-dating feature and your MMC will be valid immediately.

3. **U.S. Registered Pilot** - When only applying for an original or renewal, please scan and email the completed application along with supporting documentation to: **GreatLakesPilotage@uscg.mil**, or send via regular mail to:

Commandant (CG-WWM-2)
ATTN: Great Lakes Pilotage Division
U.S. Coast Guard: Stop 7509
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20593-7509

4. **Duplicate MMC** - In the event of a lost credential, a statement describing the circumstances of the loss must be submitted with the application. The duplicate will have the same authority, wording and expiration date as the lost credential. If a person loses a credential by shipwreck or other casualty that causes damage to a ship, a duplicate will be issued free of charge as per 46 CFR 10.229. If a person loses a credential by other means and applies for a duplicate, the appropriate fee set out in 46 CFR 10.219 must be paid. No application from an alien for a duplicate credential will be accepted unless the alien complies with the requirements of 46 CFR 10.229.
5. **MMC Endorsement(s)** - This is a statement on a mariner's MMC that indicates that he or she is qualified to serve in that capacity. All endorsements including National officer and National rating endorsements as well as all STCW endorsements (International) are listed in **46 CFR 10.109**.
- NOTE:** Requests for an endorsement(s) will not change the expiration date of a mariner's MMC unless the applicant also requests a renewal MMC and meets the renewal requirements of all endorsements on the MMC in accordance with 46 CFR 10.227.
- (a) **Raise of Grade (ROG) Endorsement** - The requirements for a ROG are found in 46 CFR 10.231. This is an increase in the level of authority and responsibility associated with an existing officer or rating endorsement.
- (b) **Increase in Scope** - The requirements for an Increase in Scope are found in 46 CFR 10.223. This is a modification or a removal of limitations or scope to existing MMC endorsement(s).
6. **Document of Continuity** - This is a record of qualifications previously held and does not authorize the holder to sail in any capacity listed thereon. Documents of continuity do not expire, do not require medical or security evaluations, and do not require fees. STCW endorsements may not be placed in continuity. No credential expired beyond the 12-month administrative grace period described in 46 CFR 10.227(h) can be converted into a Document of Continuity.
7. **Entry Level Ratings** - There are no professional requirements needed when applying for entry level credential. Ratings may include Ordinary Seaman, Wiper, and/or Stewards Department / Stewards Department (*Food Handler - F.H.*). Per 46 CFR Part 10, applicants requesting Stewards Department (*F.H.*) will be required to submit a statement from a physician attesting that the applicant is free from communicable disease.

Section III: Safety and Suitability

III. 1 **Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC):**

- A TWIC is required for applicants who need access to secure areas designated in a vessel's security plan and a facility's security plan by the Maritime Transportation Security Act.
- Unless specifically exempted, the Coast Guard must have evidence that you hold a valid TWIC or, for original applicants, that you have applied for a TWIC and are awaiting the results.

III. 2a-f **Criminal Record Review (Convictions and Drug Use):**

In accordance with 46 CFR 10.211, the Coast Guard may review the criminal record of an applicant to determine meet safety and suitability of all applicants before any MMC and any endorsement is issued. At the time of application you must provide a written disclosure of all prior convictions NOT previously disclosed.

- **Original Applicants are required to list ALL convictions.**
- **Written Disclosures** - Applicants may use the optional form (CG-719C) to provide written disclosure of all convictions.
- **Conviction means** that the applicant for a merchant mariner credential has been found guilty, by judgment or plea by a court of record of the United States, the District of Columbia, any State, territory, or possession of the United States, a foreign country, or a military court, of a criminal felony or misdemeanor or of an offense described in section 205 of the National Driver Register Act of 1982, as amended (49 U.S.C. 30304). If an applicant pleads guilty or no contest, is granted deferred adjudication, or is required by the court to attend classes, make contributions of time or money, receive treatment, submit to any manner of probation or supervision, or forgo appeal of a trial court's conviction, then the Coast Guard will consider the applicant to have received a conviction. A later expungement of the conviction will not negate a conviction unless the Coast Guard is satisfied that the expungement is based upon a showing that the court's earlier conviction was in error.

III.3 **National Driver Registry (NDR):**

- No MMC will be issued as an original or reissued with a new expiration date, and no new officer endorsement will be issued if the applicant fails the criminal record review in accordance with 46 CFR 10.213.

Section IV: Applicant Consent and Certification

IV.1 **Mariner Outreach System:** This is an optional program used by the Maritime Administration in the event of a national emergency. Applicant will need to select whether Yes, they would like to participate, or No, they do not wish to participate in the Mariner Outreach System, by selecting either of the check boxes.

IV.2 **Continuity:** Credentials issued for continuity purposes are not valid for use.

IV.3 **Consent:** Applicants under the age of 18 must attach a notarized statement of parental/guardian consent.

IV.4 **Certification:** Applicant certifies that the information provided is true and correct. Every person who applies for an original MMC must first take an oath. The applicant must sign and date the application stating they have taken the oath. Failure to sign will result in the application being returned. Per 46 CFR 10.225(c), an oath may be administered by any Coast Guard designated individual or any person legally permitted to administer oaths in the jurisdiction where the person taking the oath resides.

IV.5 **Signature and Date:** Failure to sign and date the application will result in the application being returned.

IV.6 **Third Party Authorization (optional):** If you want the NMC to be able to discuss, release, or receive information/documents regarding your credential application with a third party (*spouse, employer, school, union, etc.*) you must provide specific guidance to the NMC regarding what issues we may discuss and with whom. You may allow release of all information to certain individuals or entities. If you limit the release of certain information you must be specific by making a selection on the application or by attaching additional documentation. For each selection made, ensure the Name of the Organization or Third Party, Organization Point of Contact (*if applicable*), Address and Phone Number is completed. If you wish to provide multiple Third Party Releases, attach additional pages as needed. A sample may be found on the NMC website: <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>.

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Section I: Applicant Information

1. Legal Name: Last First Name Middle Name Suffix (*Jr., Sr., III*) Alias(es) or Maiden Name(s) if applicable

2a. SSN (*for Original only*) 2b. Reference Number (*if applicable*) 2c. Alien Registration Number (ARN) (*if applicable*) 3. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

4. Citizenship 5a. Place of Birth (*City*) 5b. State 5c. Country 5d. Color of Eyes 5e. Color of Hair

Applicant Address and Contact Information (Please indicate best method(s) of contact by checking the appropriate box(es)).

6a. Home Address (*PO Box NOT acceptable*)

Street Address 6c. Primary Phone Number

City State Zip Code 6d. E-mail Address

6b. Delivery/Mailing Address, if different (*PO Box acceptable*)

Street Address 6e. Alternate Phone Number

City State Zip Code 6f. Other

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact (Please indicate best method(s) of contact by checking the appropriate box(es).) (Optional)

7a. Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code Same address as above 7b. Relationship (*Optional*)

Name 7c. Primary Phone Number (*Optional*)

Street Address 7d. Alternate Phone Number (*Optional*)

City State Zip Code 7e. E-mail Address (*Optional*)

**Section II: Requested Coast Guard Credential(s)
Credential or Endorsement Type(s) Requested:**

Endorsement Category	Transaction Type (<i>Check all that apply: See instructions for definitions and additional requirements for the transaction below</i>)					
	Original	Renewal	Duplicate	Raise of Grade, New Endorsement or Increase in Scope	Certificate of Registry	Document of Continuity
Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Qualified Rating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STCW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry Level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Description of Endorsement(s) Desired: Include all appropriate information - Officer (*i.e. Deck - Master/Mate/Propulsion/Tonnage/Route/United States Registered Pilot OR Engineer Grade - 3rd AE; DDE/Propulsion/Horsepower*) Ratings (*i.e.: Able Seaman, Tankerman, QMED, Lifeboatman*) (**Please Print**)

FOR RENEWAL TRANSACTIONS ONLY: I request to waive the post-dating feature and to have my merchant mariner credential (MMC) issued immediately. I decline having its issuance coincide with the expiration date of my current credential.

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Section III: Safety and Suitability

1. **TWIC (Transportation Worker's Identification Credential) EXEMPTION STATEMENT** - I have previously applied for a TWIC with TSA and I am exempt from holding a valid TWIC under Coast Guard Policy Letter 11-15. I understand that a name based safety and suitability check could significantly delay the processing of my Merchant Mariner Credential Application.

2. **Criminal Record (Convictions and Drug Use):** If you answer Yes to ANY of the questions below you must disclose the information regarding the conviction. You may complete the optional form CG-719C for each question marked "Yes".

- a) Have you ever been a user of/or addicted to a dangerous drug, including marijuana, within the last 10 years? Yes No
- b) Have you ever been convicted of violating a dangerous drug law of the United States, District of Columbia, or any state, or territory of the United States? Yes No
- c) Have you ever been convicted by any court-including military court - for an offense other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No
- d) Have you ever been convicted of a traffic infraction arising in a connection with a fatal traffic accident, reckless driving or racing on a highway or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of, or impaired by, alcohol or a controlled substance? Yes No
- e) Have you ever had your driver's license revoked or suspended for refusing to submit to an alcohol or drug test? Yes No
- f) Have you had a drug test with a result other than negative within the last 10-years? Yes No

3. **National Driver Registry (NDR) Consent (Mandatory for Original, Renewal, or new Officer Endorsement):** I authorize the National Driver Registry to furnish the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) information pertaining to my driving record. This consent constitutes authorization for a single access to the information contained in the NDR to verify information provided in this application. **NOTE: Not required for Document of Continuity applicants.**

I understand the USCG will make the information received from the NDR available to me for review and written comment prior to disapproving my application or taking any action against my Merchant Mariner's Credential. Authority: 46 U.S.C. 710(g), 46 U.S.C. 7302(c), and 46 U.S.C. 7505.

Section IV: Mariner's Consent/Certification

1. **Mariner Outreach System (Optional):** I consent to voluntary participation in the Mariner Outreach System to be used by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) in the event of a national emergency or sealift crisis. In such an emergency, MARAD would disseminate my contact information to an appropriate maritime employment office to determine my availability for possible employment on a sealift vessel. Once consent is given, it remains effective until revoked either by subsequent application or by sending a signed notice of revocation to the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center, 100 Forbes Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25404. For more information, please visit <https://mos.marad.dot.gov/>.

Yes, I would like to participate No thanks, I do not wish to participate at this time

2. **FOR CONTINUITY RENEWAL ONLY**

I understand that a Document of Continuity is not valid for use in accordance with 46 CFR 10.227 and aware of the requirements to obtain an MMC. STCW endorsements may not be placed in continuity per 46 CFR 10.227.

3. **CONSENT:** I am under 18 years of age and a notarized statement of parental/guardian consent is attached.

4. **Certification**

My signature below attests that:

- All information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand an application determined to be fraudulent may result in the denial of my application for one year from the date of submission, even if the fraudulent information was not by itself cause for denial or prosecution.
- I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and honestly, according to my best skill and judgment, and without concealment and reservation, perform all the duties required of me by the laws of the United States. I will faithfully and honestly carry out the lawful orders of my superior officers aboard a vessel.

5. **Applicant's Signature**

Signature of Applicant

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

X _____

Signature of individual authorized to administer the Oath. This is required only once for a mariner.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

X _____

Name of individual authorized to administer the Oath: _____

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Section IV: Mariner's Consent/Certification (continued)

6. Third Party Authorization (Optional)

- I understand that by checking boxes 6a - 6d in Section IV, I authorize release of information, MMC, or authority to act on my behalf to the third party indicated until issuance of a MMC or until Agency final action is made.

6a. Safety and Suitability

Name of Organization or Third Party

6b. Professional qualifications, certification records, training records, or Sea Service

Organization Point of Contact (if applicable)

6c. Merchant Mariner Credential Delivery

Street Address

6d. Act on my behalf in all matters pertaining to the processing of my current USCG credential application (All of the above)

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Signature of Applicant

X _____

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

PRIVACY NOTICE

Authority: 14 U.S.C. 632; 46 U.S.C. 2103, 7101, 7302, 7502, 46 C.F.R. 10.301

Purpose: The information is collected by the Coast Guard to determine whether an applicant meets the regulatory standards for issuance of a U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). The Coast Guard evaluates an applicant's qualifications to determine compliance with the national and international requirements for issuance of the MMC, any endorsement within the MMC, and medical certificate.

Routine Uses: The information is used by authorized Coast Guard personnel who have a need for the record to determine whether an applicant is a safe and suitable person and qualifies for the MMC, any endorsement within the MMC, and medical certificate. In addition, the Coast Guard uses this information to maintain and update records of merchant mariner documentation transactions. The information will not be shared outside of DHS except in accordance with the provisions of DHS/USCG-030 Merchant Seamen's Records System of Records, 74 FR 30308 (June 25, 2009).

Disclosure: Furnishing this information (including your SSN) is voluntary; however, failure to furnish the requested information may result in the non-issuance of the MMC, any endorsement within the MMC, and medical certificate.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The United States Coast Guard estimates that the average burden for this report is 9 minutes. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Chief, Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave, S.E., STOP 7509, Washington, D.C., 20593-7509 or Office Of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1625-0040), Washington, DC 20503.

SAMPLE LETTER OF CERTIFICATION
FOR ABLE SEAMAN, QMED OR OTHER MMD
On Company Letterhead

Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection

Date _____

Dear Sir:

This letter is intended to certify the service of

_____, SSN _____

During the term of employment with this company, the above named individual served aboard the following vessels, for the listed time, in the noted capacities:

Vessel Name/Official Number	_____
Type of vessel*	_____
Gross Tons	_____
Vessel Length	_____
Dates of Service, From	_____ To _____
Number of Days served	_____
Hours per day**	_____
Route (Ocean, Near Coastal, Inland)	_____
Position and/or Duties***	_____

Sincerely,

(signature)

(Name)

Title

NOTES:

* Type of vessel: Freight, Towing, Crew, Passenger, Fishing, Recreational, etc.

** Hours per day: 8 or 12

*** Duties: Wheelhouse training or duty, Boatswain, Quartermaster, Deckhand, Oiler, etc.





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PHYSICAL STANDARDS FOR U.S. COAST GUARD LICENSES

Based on the U.S. Coast Guard document entitled "NVIC 04-08"

1. Eyesight, at least 20/200 (the big E at the top of the eye chart), correctable to 20/40 or better, in each eye. Waivers are available in many cases. Uncorrected vision **MUST** be shown on the physical, and correctable vision must be shown if uncorrected is worse than 20/40. Monocular vision waivers are available under certain conditions.
2. Color perception - normal by any of the methods shown. Method used **MUST** be indicated on the form. Waivers available in many cases for color blindness.
3. Hearing - testing is **ONLY** required if physician believes hearing is abnormal.
4. Cardiac - any abnormal indications in the past will have to be explained. Stress tests may be required. Contact Sea School for details if unsure.

Hypertension - Blood pressure 160/100 or lower, regardless of whether or not medications are used to accomplish the control.
5. Lung diseases - any incapacitating diseases or those requiring corticosteroid medications may be disqualifying conditions.
6. Orthopedic - amputations, deformity or arthritis resulting in impaired motion may require further evaluation and demonstration of abilities.
7. Diabetes - Insulin dependent diabetes or poorly controlled non-insulin dependent diabetes may be disqualifying. Effect on eyesight must be noted. Contact Sea School for details if unsure.
8. Neurologic - any convulsive disorder regardless of control by medication requires further evaluation.
9. Psychiatric - primary psychosis or use of psychotropic medications requires further evaluation.
10. Medications - Anticoagulants (Warfarin, Coumadin), systemic corticosteroids, psychotropic medications, medications with debilitating side effects, and addictive painkillers require further evaluation.

Further evaluation means that the file with all supporting documentation may be sent to Coast Guard headquarters for additional review and consideration.



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ACTIVE CONDITIONS

The USCG is very strict when it comes to information contained on the applicant's physical exam paperwork.

In order to shed some light on this situation, we call your attention to the Coast Guard document NVIC 04-08 which is a policy explanation of their regulations regarding physical exams required for license and document issuance.

On page 1 of enclosure (3), item 1 of the "Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines..." of the document says: "Active Condition. If not specified as "history of" in this table, a condition must be currently active to be subject to further review. For purposes of this enclosure, "active" means that the applicant is currently under treatment for the condition, or that the applicant is currently under observation for possible worsening or recurrence of the condition, or that the condition is currently present."

In other words, don't allow the physical to be an exercise in your irrelevant personal history. It is a current physical!

There are a few key words that, when used, will trigger a response from the USCG asking for more information from the applicant and his or her medical care provider. Those key words include, but are not limited to: Sleep Apnea, Anxiety, ADD/ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, Depression, COPD, and the use of addictive and/or mood altering medications.

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (FORM CG-719K)

----- Instructions -----

Who must submit this form?

1. Applicants seeking a Medical Certificate are required to complete this form and submit all 10 pages, including instructions, to the U.S. Coast Guard. Guidance for completion of this form can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf.
2. Mariners applying for or holding a merchant mariner credential **with only an entry-level endorsement** who serve on a vessel not subject to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) but who request a **medical certificate that satisfies the Maritime Labor Convention (MLC), AND want to be qualified for lookout duties** should submit this form. Sections III (Medical Conditions), IV (Medications) and V (Physical Examination) of the CG 719K **DO NOT** have to be completed. The medical certificate will be restricted to entry-level only.
3. The Coast Guard will not accept an application for a medical certificate without a reference number or a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC).

Who may conduct this exam?

1. All exams, tests and demonstrations must be performed, witnessed or reviewed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner licensed by a state in the U.S., a U.S. possession, or a U.S. territory.
2. Medical examinations for U.S. Registered Pilots must be conducted by a licensed medical doctor.

Section I: Applicant Information - To be completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the Medical Practitioner (MP)

- **Legal Name** - Enter complete legal name.
- **Date of Birth** - If applicant is under 18 years of age, attach a notarized statement, signed by a parent or guardian, authorizing the Coast Guard to issue a Medical Certificate.
- **Mariner Reference Number or Social Security Number** - If you have held a Coast Guard credential in the past, enter your reference number.
- **Gender** - Enter your gender.
- **Home Address** - Principle place of residence. PO Box is not acceptable.
- **Delivery/Mailing Address** - The address to which you want all correspondence and issued certificates sent. If blank, correspondence and certificates will be sent to the Home Address.
- **Primary Phone Number** - Provide a primary phone number.
- **Alternate Phone Number** - Provide an alternate phone number (*optional*).
- **E-mail Address** - (*Optional*) If provided, the National Maritime Center (*NMC*) may attempt to contact you via e-mail. You will receive automated updates regarding the status of your application.
- **Other** - Please provide additional means of communicating with you (*satellite phone, work phone, etc.*) (*optional*).
- **Endorsement held or sought** - Applicants should select all options that apply. If nothing is selected, the Coast Guard will not accept the application.

Section II: Food Handler Certification - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

Refer to instructions provided in this section. The **Medical Practitioner** should initial and date at the bottom of each page of the application, where indicated.

Section III: Medical Conditions - To be completed by the Applicant and the Medical Practitioner

III(a) Applicants must report their relevant medical conditions to the best of their knowledge. Applicants should check YES if: 1) they have had a previous diagnosis, or treatment for the condition by a health care provider; 2) they are currently under treatment or observation for the condition; or 3) the condition is present, regardless of treatment status.

III(b) The Medical Practitioner must review and discuss all conditions reported by the applicant in Section III(a). The **Medical Practitioner's** discussion should include, at a minimum, the name of the condition, approximate date of diagnosis, treatment, current status of the condition, limitations of the condition, and any additional information as appropriate. Recommended supporting documentation and testing for conditions that are subject to further review are contained in the Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials which can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf. Medical practitioners should be familiar with the guidelines contained within this document. If the **Medical Practitioner** discovers a condition not reported by the applicant, they must check **YES** in the appropriate block in III(a) and provide information on the condition, as requested, in Section III(b). For conditions that were **Previously Reported**, the Medical Practitioner need only discuss the interval history and current status of the condition. Additional sheets may be added by the applicant and/or the medical practitioner if needed to complete this section of the form. Include applicant's name and DOB on each additional sheet. The **Medical Practitioner** should **initial and date at the bottom of each page** of the application, where indicated.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ **DATE:** _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section IV: Medications - To be completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the Medical Practitioner

Applicants - Refer to instructions provided in this section.

Medical Practitioner - Verification of medications includes questioning the applicant about any medications or other substances reported, reviewing relevant medical conditions to determine if the applicant has omitted any medications or other substances, and affirmatively reporting any omitted current medications or other substances where required. The **Medical Practitioner** should **initial and date at the bottom of each page** of the application, where indicated.

Section V: Physical Examination - Items 1-17; To be performed and completed by the Medical Practitioner

The Medical Practitioner must document the results of the physical examination in this section. The **Medical Practitioner** should **initial and date at the bottom of each page** of the application, where indicated.

Section VI: (Vision) and VII: (Hearing) - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner or other staff to the satisfaction of the Medical Practitioner

The **Medical Practitioner** is not required to perform or witness the vision and hearing examinations. These may be performed by qualified office staff or referred to other qualified practitioners such as audiologists or optometrists; however, the results must be reviewed by the **Medical Practitioner**.

The **Medical Practitioner** should **initial and date at the bottom of each page** of the application, where indicated.

Additional guidance can be found at: https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf.

Section VIII: Demonstration of Physical Ability - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

Refer to the table and instructions provided in this section. The **Medical Practitioner** should initial and date at the bottom of each page of the application, where indicated.

Section IX: Summary - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

a. Applicant Proof of Identity Provided - Applicants shall present acceptable proof of identity to the **Medical Practitioner** conducting examinations. Proof of identity shall consist of one current form of valid government-issued photo identification. Examples of acceptable proof of identity include unexpired official identification issued by a Federal, State, or local government or by a territory or possession of the United States, such as a passport, U.S. driver's license, U.S. military ID card, Merchant Mariner Credential, or Transportation Worker Identification Credential.

b. Certification recommendation - The **Medical Practitioner** must ensure a complete history and physical are conducted. The practitioner should address the listed questions and make a certification recommendation. The Coast Guard retains final authority for the issuance of the medical certificate.

c. Assessment - The **Medical Practitioner** should provide answer to statement 1 or 2, as appropriate for the credential sought. Option 2 is for mariner applicants who are only seeking an MLC-compliant, entry-level medical certificate.

d. Discussion - The **Medical Practitioner** should discuss any conditions or issues of concern.

e. Medical Practitioner (Attestation and Information) - Attests that the general medical examination, vision and hearing tests, and demonstration of physical ability, as appropriate, have been performed to the satisfaction of the **Medical Practitioner**. The **Medical Practitioner** must sign and date the attestation where indicated. This signature attests, subject to criminal prosecution under 18 USC § 1001, that all information reported by the **Medical Practitioner** is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and that the **Medical Practitioner** has not knowingly omitted or falsified any material information relevant to this form.

Section X: Applicant Certification - To be completed by the Applicant

Applicant certifies that the information provided is true and correct.

Section XI: Applicant Consent (optional) - To be completed by the Applicant

Third Party Authorization - If you want the NMC to be able to discuss, release, or receive information/documents regarding your medical certificate application with a third party (*spouse, employer, school, union, etc.*) you must provide specific guidance to the NMC regarding what issues we may discuss and with whom. You may allow release of all information to certain individuals or entities. If you limit the release of certain information you must be specific by making a selection on the application or by attaching additional documentation. For each selection made, ensure the Name of the Organization or Third Party, Organization Point of Contact (*if applicable*), Address and Phone Number is completed. If you wish to provide multiple Third Party Authorizations, attach additional pages as needed. A sample may be found on the NMC website: https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/credentials/forms/3rd_party_authorization_med_cert.pdf. Please sign and date for each type of consent that you wish to authorize.

a. Consent for Medical Practitioner to Release Information to the Coast Guard

b. Consent for Coast Guard to Release Information to a Third Party

c. Consent for Third Party to Act on your Behalf

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ **DATE:** _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.) _____ Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (FORM CG-719K)

Section I: Applicant Information - To be completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the Medical Practitioner

Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)

Mariner Reference Number or Social Security Number Gender: Male Female Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Please indicate best method(s) of contact by checking the appropriate box(es).

Home Address (PO Box NOT acceptable)
Street Address Primary Phone Number

City State Zip Code Alternate Phone Number

Delivery/Mailing Address, if different (PO Box acceptable)
Street Address E-mail Address

City State Zip Code Other

Endorsement Held or Sought (Check all that apply or the Coast Guard will not accept the application):

- Deck Engine Food Handler STCW Entry-level with lookout duties
- U.S. Registered Pilot (Great Lakes Pilotage) First-Class Pilot or those Serving as Pilot (Federal Pilotage/46 CFR 15.812)
- Other (Please explain): _____

Section II: Food Handler Certification - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

1. Food Handlers must obtain a statement from the **Medical Practitioner** that attests that they are free of communicable diseases that pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the workplace. For applicants who have requested Food Handler Certification (Food Handler box is checked in Section I, above), the **Medical Practitioner** may provide the attestation by answering Yes or No to the question in bold below.
2. **Communicable disease** is defined in 46 CFR 10.107 as any disease capable of being transmitted from one person to another directly, by contact with excreta or other discharges from the body; or indirectly, via substances or inanimate objects contaminated with excreta or other discharges from an infected person.
3. The **Medical Practitioner** need not perform any additional testing unless it is deemed clinically necessary. Applicants and currently employed food workers should report information about their health as it relates to diseases that are transmissible through food. Circumstances that the Medical Practitioner should consider when certifying an applicant include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Whether the applicant reports they have been diagnosed with, or exposed to an illness due to organisms including, but not limited to, Salmonella Typhi, Shigella Spp., Shiga-toxin-producing Escherichia coli, or Hepatitis A virus within the past month.
 - b. Whether the applicant reports they have at least one symptom caused by illness, infection, or other source that is associated with an acute gastrointestinal illness such as diarrhea, fever, vomiting, jaundice, or sore throat with fever.
 - c. Whether the applicant reports they have a lesion containing pus, such as a boil or infected wound, which is open or draining and is on hands or wrists or on exposed portions of the arms.

Is the applicant free from communicable disease? Yes No N/A

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section III(a): Medical Conditions - To be completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the Medical Practitioner

I have a **medical waiver (MW)**: Yes No If **YES**, provide a copy to the Medical Practitioner, and mark the **MW** box below.

To the best of your knowledge, have you ever had, required treatment for, or do you presently have any of the following conditions? If no, please mark the **NO** box below. If yes, please mark the **YES** box below, and if **previously reported (PR)**, mark the **PR** box below.

ITEM	YES	NO	PR	MW	CONDITIONS
1.					1. Blurry vision, poor night vision, eye disease or injury, eye surgery, abnormal color vision, cataracts or glaucoma
2.					2. Hearing loss, hearing aid, ear surgery, facial deformities, open tracheostomy or frequent severe nose bleeds
3.					3. High or low blood pressure
4.					4. Heart or vascular disease of any kind, to include angina, chest pain, irregular heart beat, heart valve problem/ replacement, heart attack/myocardial infarction, or congestive heart failure
5.					5. Heart surgery and/or implanted devices (for example, angioplasty, stent, pacemaker, or defibrillator)
6.					6. Lung disease of any type (for example, asthma, emphysema, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD))
7.					7. Any blood disorder (for example, anemia, hemophilia, blood clots, or polycythemia)
8.					8. Diabetes, glucose intolerance, or sugar in urine
9.					9. Thyroid problem requiring treatment or hospitalization
10.					10. Stomach, liver or intestinal disorder requiring ongoing medical care/medication, or causing significant bleeding or debilitating pain; history of hepatitis or jaundice
11.					11. Kidney problems/stones or blood in urine
12.					12. Any other urinary or bladder problems not listed above requiring treatment or hospitalization
13.					13. Skin disorders requiring medical treatment, such as cancer, tumors, scleroderma or lupus
14.					14. Severe allergies or allergic reactions to any substance, medication, food, or insect stings
15.					15. Communicable disease or chronic infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, or hepatitis
16.					16. Any sleep problems (for example, obstructive sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, narcolepsy, shift work sleep disorder, or insomnia)
17.					17. Epilepsy, fits, or seizures
18.					18. History of serious head injury, loss of consciousness or memory loss
19.					19. Frequent or severe headaches
20.					20. Dizziness/fainting spells/balance problems
21.					21. Frequent motion sickness requiring medication
22.					22. Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA), brain tumor or other brain disorder
23.					23. Any neurologic disorder or nerve problems including numbness and/or paralysis, not listed above
24.					24. Attention deficit disorder with or without hyperactivity
25.					25. Anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, adjustment disorder, PTSD, or schizophrenia
26.					26. Suicide attempt or thought(s) of suicide (Suicidal Ideation)
27.					27. Evaluation, treatment, or hospitalization for alcohol or substance use, abuse, addiction, or dependence (including illegal drugs, prescription medications, or other substances)
28.					28. Any other psychiatric disorder, mental health evaluation/treatment/hospitalization
29.					29. Back, neck or joint problems that impair movement or cause debilitating pain
30.					30. Amputation, prosthesis, or use of ambulatory devices (for example, cane, walker, or braces)
31.					31. Injuries, fractures or recurrent dislocations causing impairment or limitation of motion of any joint
32.					32. Have you ever been signed off a vessel as sick or repatriated for medical reasons within the last six years?
33.					33. Any diseases, surgeries, cancers, illnesses, or disabilities not listed on this form?
34.					34. Any hospital admissions within the last six years not listed elsewhere in this Section?

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ **DATE:** _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section III(b): Medical Conditions - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

Instructions: For each item marked **YES** in Section III(a), the **Medical Practitioner** must provide the information requested IN THE BLOCKS below. For each condition marked **Previously Reported (PR)**, the provider need only discuss the interval history and current status of the condition.

For conditions with a **Medical Waiver (MW)** review the applicant's waiver letter and attach all waiver reporting requirements.

Please **attach appropriate evaluation data** for conditions that are subject to further review. Information on conditions that are subject to further review and the recommended evaluation data can be found in the Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials, located at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf.

Indicate whether additional information has been attached by marking the **ATTACHED** box. **Additional sheets may be added**, if needed to complete this section (include applicant name and date of birth on each additional sheet).

Item # Date of onset or diagnosis (mm/dd/yyyy) Attached

Condition	Treatment
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Status	Limitations
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section IV: Medications - To be completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the Medical Practitioner

Do you currently use any medication (prescription or nonprescription)? Yes No If YES, provide the information requested in the blocks below.

Applicants Must Report

1. All medications (Prescription or Nonprescription), dietary supplements, and vitamins; that were filled, or refilled, and/or taken within 30 days prior to the date the applicant signs the CG-719K; and
2. All medications (Prescription or Nonprescription), dietary supplements, and vitamins that were used for a period of 30 or more days within the last 90 days prior to the date the applicant signs the CG-719K.

Medical Practitioner

1. Medical Practitioner must verify applicants medications and information listed in the table below.
2. Medical Practitioner comments should include the approximate length of time the applicant has taken the medication and address the presence or absence of any side effects.

Additional guidance on medications, including those that may be considered disqualifying, can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf.

Additional sheets may be attached by the Applicant and/or Medical Practitioner if needed to complete this section. (Include applicant name and date of birth on each additional sheet and check the box indicated on the right)

ATTACHED

MEDICATION	DOSE	FREQUENCY	CONDITION	MEDICAL PRACTITIONER COMMENTS (Duration of Use/Side Effects)

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Section V: Physical Examination - Items 1-17 must be performed and completed by the Medical Practitioner.

Height (inches only): Weight (lbs): Pulse Resting: Blood Pressure: Body Mass Index (BMI): (For BMI > 40 refer to Section VIII)

Please make comments in the space provided on any item indicated as an "abnormal" system/organ.

Item	Normal	Abnormal	Item	Normal	Abnormal	Item	Normal	Abnormal
1. Head, Face, Neck, Scalp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Upper/Lower Extremities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Skin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Eyes/Pupils/EOM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Spine/Musculoskeletal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Neurologic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Mouth and Throat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Vascular System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Mental Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Ears/Drums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		No	Yes
5. Lungs and Chest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. General/Systemic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Hernia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Extremities/Digit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Additional Medical Comments (Please Print)

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section VI: Vision - Must be performed by the **Medical Practitioner**, their medical staff or other qualified practitioner. Results must be reviewed by the **Medical Practitioner**. Additional guidance can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf.

a. Visual Acuity

Distance Vision, Uncorrected: If correction required, Distance Vision Correctable To:

Right: 20/ Right: 20/
Left: 20/ Left: 20/

Field of Vision

- Normal (the applicant's horizontal field of vision is greater than or equal to 100 degrees).
 Abnormal

b. Color Vision: The **Medical Practitioner** should assess the applicant's color vision sense using one of the following testing methodologies. The **Medical Practitioner** must indicate which test was utilized, and the **number of errors** obtained. In order to meet the standard, the applicant must demonstrate satisfactory color sense without the use of color enhancing lenses.

- AOC (1965) - (6 or fewer errors on plates 1-15) Ishihara pseudoisochromatic plates test, 14 plate (5 or less errors)
 AOC-HRR (2nd Edition) - (No errors in test plates 7-11) Ishihara pseudoisochromatic plates test, 24 plate (6 or less errors)
 HRR PIP (4th Edition) - (No errors in test plates 5-10) Ishihara pseudoisochromatic plates test, 38 plate (8 or less errors)
 Richmond (2nd and 4th Edition) - (6 or fewer errors) Farnsworth Lantern (colored lights) Test per instruction booklet
 Titmus Vision Tester/OPTEC 2000 - (No errors on 6 plates) Dvorine (2nd Edition) pseudoisochromatic 15 plate test (6 or less errors)
 OPTEC 900 (colored lights) Test per instruction booklet

- Alternative Testing (attach evaluation/test results):** Farnsworth D-15 Hue Test (*Engineer/radio officer/tankerman/MODU only*)
 Formal ophthalmology/optometry color vision evaluation
 Other alternative test acceptable to the Coast Guard

Color Vision Testing Results:

Passed Failed

Number of Errors:

Section VII: Hearing - Must be performed by the **Medical Practitioner**, their medical staff or other qualified practitioner. Results must be reviewed by the **Medical Practitioner**.

An applicant with normal hearing by forced whispered voice \geq 5 feet with or without hearing aids does not need to complete either the audiometer test or the functional speech discrimination test.

Normal Hearing Abnormal Hearing Hearing Aid Required

(a) If hearing is abnormal, then perform either a functional speech discrimination test at 65dB or an audiogram documenting thresholds and averages as indicated below. Both aided and unaided values should be recorded for applicants requiring hearing aids.

(b) All applicants with an unaided threshold > 30dB in the better ear should have functional speech discrimination testing performed at 65dB.

(c) Refer to Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials which can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf for further guidance. Report any additional information or comments in Section IX.

**Audiometer
Threshold Value**

	500Hz	1,000Hz	2,000Hz	3,000Hz	Average
Right Ear (Unaided)					
Left Ear (Unaided)					
Right Ear (Aided)					
Left Ear (Aided)					

**Functional Speech
Discrimination Test @ 65dB, if required by
instruction (b) above**

Right Ear (Unaided): %

Left Ear (Unaided): %

Right Ear (Aided): %

Left Ear (Aided): %

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ **DATE:** _____

Print Applicant Name: (Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section VIII: Demonstration of Physical Ability - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

LISTS OF TASKS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR PERFORMING ORDINARY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SHIPBOARD FUNCTIONS

<i>Shipboard Tasks, Function, Event, or Condition</i>	<i>Related Physical Ability</i>	<i>The Examiner Should Be Satisfied That The Applicant:</i>
Routine movement on slippery, uneven, and unstable surfaces	Maintain balance (<i>equilibrium</i>)	Has no disturbance in sense of balance
Routine access between levels	Climb up and down vertical ladders and stairways	Is able, without assistance, to climb up and down vertical ladders and stairways
Routine movement between spaces and compartments	Step over high doorsills and coamings, and move through restricted accesses	Is able, without assistance, to step over a doorsill or coaming of 24 inches (600 millimeters) in height. Able to move through a restricted opening of 24 x 24 inches
Open and close watertight doors, hand cranking systems, open/close valve	Manipulate mechanical devices using manual and digital dexterity, and strength	Is able, without assistance, to open and close watertight doors that may weigh up to 55 pounds (25 kilograms); should be able to move hands/arms to open and close valve wheels in vertical and horizontal directions; rotate wrists to turn handles; able to reach above shoulder height
Handle ship's stores	Lift, pull, push, carry a load	Is able, without assistance, to lift at least a 40 pound (18.1 kilograms) load off the ground, and to carry, push, or pull the same load
General vessel maintenance	Crouch (<i>lowering height by bending knees</i>); kneel (<i>placing knees on ground</i>); stoop (<i>lowering height by bending at the waist</i>); use hand tools such as spanners, valve wrenches, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers	Is able, without assistance, to grasp, lift, and manipulate various common shipboard tools
Emergency response procedures including escape from smoke-filled spaces	Crawl (<i>ability to move body using hands and knees</i>); feel (<i>ability to handle or touch to examine or determine differences in texture and temperature</i>)	Is able, without assistance, to crouch, kneel, and crawl, and to distinguish differences in texture and temperature by feel
Stand a routine watch	Stand a routine watch	Is able, without assistance, to intermittently stand on feet for up to four hours with minimal rest periods
React to visual alarms and instructions, emergency response procedures	Distinguish an object or shape at a certain distance	Fulfills the eyesight standards for the merchant mariner credential
React to audible alarms and instructions, emergency response procedures	Hear a specified decibel (dB) sound at a specified frequency	Fulfills the hearing standards for the merchant mariner credential
Make verbal reports or call attention to suspicious or emergency conditions	Describe immediate surroundings and activities, and pronounce words clearly	Is capable of normal conversation
Participate in fire fighting activities	Be able to carry and handle fire hoses and fire extinguishers	Is able, without assistance, to pull an uncharged 1.5 inch diameter, 50' fire hose with nozzle to full extension, and to lift a charged 1.5 inch diameter fire hose to fire fighting position
Abandon ship	Use survival equipment	Has the agility, strength, and range of motion to put on a personal flotation device and exposure suit without assistance from another individual

1. The **Medical Practitioner** should indicate whether the applicant can meet the guidelines listed in the table above. If the **Medical Practitioner** doubts the applicant's ability to meet the guidelines contained within this table, and for all applicants with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or higher, the **practitioner** should require that the applicant demonstrate the ability to meet the guidelines contained within this table. This does not mean, for example, that the applicant must actually don an exposure suit, pull an uncharged 1.5 inch diameter 50' fire hose with nozzle to full extension, or lift a charged 1.5 inch diameter fire hose to firefighting position. Rather, the **Medical Practitioner** may utilize alternative measures to satisfy themselves that the applicant possesses the ability to meet the guidelines in the third column. A description of the methods utilized by the **Medical Practitioner** should be reported in the **Comments** section provided below.
2. All practical demonstrations should be performed by the applicant without assistance. Any prosthesis normally worn by the applicant, and any other aid devices, may be used by the applicant in all practical demonstrations except when the use of such items would prevent the proper wearing of mandated personal protection equipment (PPE).
3. If the **Medical Practitioner** is unable to conduct the practical demonstration, the applicant should be referred to a competent evaluator of physical ability. The Coast Guard recognizes that not all medical practitioners will have the equipment necessary to test all of the tasks as listed. Equivalent alternate testing methodologies may be used. For further information, check the Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials which can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2008/NVIC_04-08.pdf.
4. If the applicant is unable to perform all of the functions listed in the table above, the **Medical Practitioner** should provide information on the degree or the severity of the applicant's inability to meet the standards. The results of any practical demonstration or attendant physical evaluation should be recorded in the **Comments** section provided below.

Physical Ability Results: Applicant has the physical strength, agility, and flexibility to perform all of the items listed in the physical ability table. Applicant does **NOT** have the physical strength, agility, and flexibility to perform all of the items listed in the physical ability table.

COMMENTS:
(Please Print)

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INITIALS: _____ **DATE:** _____

Print Applicant Name:(Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section IX: Summary - To be completed by the Medical Practitioner

a. Applicant proof of identity provided: Yes No b. Certification recommendation: Recommended Not Recommended Needs Further Review

c. **Assessment:** 1. Preliminary screening indicates that the applicant is not at high risk of having a condition(s) that poses a significant risk of sudden incapacitation or debilitating complication, to include, uncontrolled obstructive sleep apnea, diabetes mellitus or coronary artery disease: Yes No Needs Further Review

OR,

2. (Entry-level, only) - To the best of my knowledge, mariner applicant is free from any medical condition likely to be aggravated by service at sea or to render the seafarer unfit for such service or to endanger the health of other persons on board. Yes No Needs Further Review

d. **Discussion:** Please discuss any conditions subject to further review identified in Section III(b) or any other concerns. Please print or type.

e. **Medical Practitioner:** My signature attests, subject to criminal prosecution under 18 USC § 1001, that all information reported by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not knowingly omitted or falsified any material information relevant to this form. My signature also attests that I have fully evaluated all examination tests and results submitted in support of this application.

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	License Number	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Phone Number	MD <input type="checkbox"/>	DO <input type="checkbox"/>	PA <input type="checkbox"/>	NP <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>				

Office Street Address	<i>(Place office address stamp here)</i>
<input type="text"/>	
City State Zip Code	
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	

Section X: Application Certification - To be completed by the Applicant

My signature below attests, subject to prosecution under 18 USC § 1001, that all information provided by me on this form is complete and true to the best of my knowledge, and I agree that it is to be considered part of the basis for issuance of any medical certificate to me. I have not knowingly omitted any material information relevant to this form. I have also read and understand the Privacy Notice that accompanies this form.

Signature of Applicant	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

PRIVACY NOTICE

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Disclosure: Furnishing this information (including your SSN) is voluntary; however, failure to furnish the requested information may result in the non-issuance of the MMC, any endorsement within the MMC, and medical certificate.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The United States Coast Guard estimates that the average burden for this form is 18 minutes. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden or any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Chief, Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave, S.E., STOP 7509, Washington, D.C., 20593-7509.

Print Applicant Name: (Last, First, MI.)

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section XI: (Optional) Applicant Consent - To be completed by the Applicant

Declined

a. CONSENT FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO THE COAST GUARD:

My signature below authorizes the Medical Practitioner, who has signed the certification on page 9 of this form, to release to, or discuss with authorized Coast Guard personnel, any pertinent information in his/her possession regarding any physical or medical condition that may require review by the Coast Guard prior to determining whether the Coast Guard should issue a merchant mariner medical certificate.

I understand that this authorization is voluntary. I also understand that failure to provide authorization could affect the Coast Guard's ability to make a timely determination as to whether the Coast Guard should issue me a merchant mariner medical certificate. This authorization will remain in effect until the Coast Guard determines whether to issue me the requested merchant mariner medical certificate for maritime service, but no longer than one year.

I have read and understand the following statement about my rights:

- ▶ I may revoke this authorization at any time prior to its expiration date by notifying the verifying medical practitioner in writing, but the revocation will not have any effect on any actions taken before they received the notification.
- ▶ Upon request, I may see or copy the information described in this release.
- ▶ I am not required to sign this release to receive my medical evaluation.

Signature of Applicant

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

b. CONSENT FOR COAST GUARD TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO A THIRD PARTY:

My signature authorizes the Coast Guard to share my medical information with the third party indicated below. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time prior to its expiration date by notifying the Coast Guard in writing.

Please provide the Name of the Organization or Third Party, Address, and Phone Number. Additional Third Party Authorization information may be attached separately.

Name of Organization or Third Party

Organization Point of Contact (if applicable)

Phone Number

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Applicant

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

c. CONSENT FOR THIRD PARTY TO ACT ON MY BEHALF:

My signature authorizes the following third party to act on my behalf in all matters pertaining to the processing of my current application for a medical certificate. This means that the Coast Guard will share my medical information and correspond with the third party, and it means that the third party can request agency action on my behalf, and receive my medical certificate.

I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time prior to its expiration date by notifying the Coast Guard in writing.

Please provide the Name of the Organization or Third Party, Address, and Phone Number. Additional Third Party Authorization information may be attached separately.

Name of Organization or Third Party

Organization Point of Contact (if applicable)

Phone Number

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Applicant

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

SIMPLIFIED DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

A drug test from an approved lab, certified as negative by a licensed physician, is now required for any license or document transaction with the Coast Guard if that transaction requires a physical. Sounds simple! It is if you follow the step by step procedures:

1. Contact a licensed physician (MD or DO only) and ask if he or she can arrange for a drug test approved by the Department of Transportation (DOT). The test must be by a lab authorized by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
2. Verify that the physician has been trained and certified by the appropriate federal agency in drug testing procedures. A new Federal Regulation requires that physicians receive special training before they can act as Medical Review Officers (MROs). Physician must identify the qualifying organization and registration number in the lower right corner of the Periodic Drug Testing Form.
3. If yes to both 1 and 2 above, ask costs. If satisfactory, go have it done.
4. Make sure that the lab name AND location is on the list provided. If it is not, it is unacceptable. The test can only be for the 7 listed drugs (regulations changed from 5 to 7 during 2010). No more, no less! ONLY the 7 drugs listed can be tested for. The official USCG form still only shows 5, but all approved labs test for the 7 as required.
5. Collection personnel send the urine sample (urine, not blood) to one of the approved labs at one of their approved locations.

This test must be done "Blind." That means the lab only has a control number and physician information to return the results to. Labs cannot have your name or address. That's why you need to find a physician or collection organization that knows what to do. Approved drug consortiums are an ideal source to use. **You can't go directly to one of the labs on the approved list.**

6. Lab runs the test and returns the results to the doctor.
7. Doctor matches up the lab results with your information and fills out the proper form **completely**.
8. Doctor sends the form to **you**, not to the USCG. Photocopies are acceptable to the USCG.
9. You submit the form to the Coast Guard with the rest of your paperwork. Do not send the lab report to the Coast Guard. Drug tests must be less than 6 months old, physicals less than one year old.

SUMMARY:

1. Find a doctor willing and ABLE to do the drug test
2. Check the form received from the doctor to be sure it is properly and **completely** filled out
3. Submit the form to the Coast Guard with other required paperwork

A list of approved labs and their approved locations is available for your physician by mail or fax. The list is for your physician's use only. You may not contact the approved lab directly.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHEN DO YOU NEED A DRUG TEST FOR THE COAST GUARD?

Every transaction involving:

1. Original license application
2. Renewal of License (except continuity renewal)
3. Raise of Grade of License (does not include gross tonnage increase in scope)
4. Pilots (every year with physical)
5. Original Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) (Ordinary, AB, QMED, Tankerman, etc.)
6. First endorsement as AB, QMED, Tankerman, etc.
7. Renewal of MMD (except continuity renewal)

Substitute for Drug Test

Letter from company or drug consortium showing:

1. Evidence of passing the **proper** test within the previous 6 months with no positive test since,
or
2. Evidence of being subject to a **Maritime** random testing program for at least 60 of the previous 185 days, and did not fail, and did not refuse to test.

NOTE: If employed in the maritime field, mariners need to be subject to random testing. This can be a company sponsored plan or outside consortium (a group of individuals banding together, sponsored by an organization).

Drug tests (or letters of compliance from consortiums) need to be less than 6 months old when submitted. Physicals, when required, need to be less than one year old for most transactions. Raises of Grade require a valid Medical Certificate or, if not available, a new physical.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Coast Guard
DOT/USCG PERIODIC DRUG TESTING FORM (OPTIONAL CG-719P)

OMB No. 1625-0040
Exp. Date: 03/31/2021

Who must submit this form?

INSTRUCTIONS: This form MAY be used to satisfy the requirements for "Periodic Testing Requirements" in accordance with Title 46 CFR 16.220. If you participate in a USCG "random or pre-employment drug test program," this form may not be necessary. (See page 2 for details.)
NOTE: The cost of the drug test is the sole responsibility of the applicant, not the Coast Guard.

Section I: Applicant Consent

I certify that I am the described applicant and that I have provided the specimen(s) described below in accordance with Department of Transportation procedures given in 49 CFR 40. I also understand that making in any way, a false or fraudulent statement, entry, or evidence is a violation of the U.S. Criminal Code at Title 18 U.S.C. 1001 which subjects the violator to federal prosecution and possible incarceration, fine, or both.

Name Last First Middle Reference Number (if applicable) Social Security Number

Signature of Applicant (Required)

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

X

Section II: Name of SAMHSA Accredited Laboratory

Name Street Address City State Zip Code

SECTION III: Medical Review Officer

Date Specimen Collected (MM/DD/YYYY)

Specimen Analyzed For (Drugs identified by 49 CFR 40.85), including:

- Marijuana metabolite
- Cocaine metabolites
- Amphetamines
- Opiate metabolites
- Phencyclidine (PCP)

The laboratory report has been reviewed in accordance with procedures given in 49 CFR Part 40, Subpart G, and the verified test results are: (CHECK ONE)

- NEGATIVE
 CANCELLED or
 Positive, and/or refusal to test because of adulteration or substitution.

(Please complete the next block for all non-negative results)

FOR POSITIVE/ADULTERATED/CANCELLED DRUG TESTS ONLY: (To be reported to the nearest USCG Sector or Unit). (Please print)

This specimen is verified POSITIVE for

This specimen was identified as being SUBSTITUTED or containing an ADULTERANT

The test was CANCELLED because (insert reason)

I certify that I meet qualifications for a Medical Review Officer as outlined in Title 49 CFR 40.121. I have reviewed the results and determined that the applicant's verified test result is in accordance with Title 49 CFR 40 Subpart G.

MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION

Name Last First Middle

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone:

MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER AUTHORITY

Name Last First Middle

Signature (MRO signature stamp is authorized for negative results only)

Name of MRO Qualifying Organization

Registration Number Issued by Qualifying Organization:

DOT/USCG PERIODIC DRUG TESTING FORM (OPTIONAL CG-719P)

REQUIREMENTS

- A drug test is required for all transactions EXCEPT endorsements, documents of continuity, duplicates, and STCW certificates.
- Only a chemical test meeting the requirements of 49 CFR Part 40 will be accepted.

OPTION I PERIODIC TESTING PROGRAM

- A DOT Chemical test conducted within the past 185 days by a laboratory accredited by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services.
- **COLLECTION** of a sample may be conducted by an independent medical facility, private physician or at an employer-designated site as long as the collection agent meets the qualification requirements to be a collection agent given in Title 49 CFR Part 40 Subpart C. It is **CRITICAL** that the sample is sent to an accredited SAMHSA laboratory for ANALYSIS or the drug test is invalid.
- The ORIGINAL results are required. A FACSIMILE is acceptable, if it is originated from the Medical Review Officer (MRO) or the Service Agent assisting the mariner, and sent directly from the office. The drug test result must be signed and dated by the MRO.

OPTION II RANDOM TESTING

EXAMPLE (From Mariner Employers): *APPLICANT'S NAME/SSN* has been subject to a random testing program meeting the criteria of Title 46 CFR 16.230 for at least 60 days during the previous 185 days and has not failed nor refused to participate in a chemical test for dangerous drugs.

EXAMPLE (Active Duty Military/Military Sealift Command/N.O.A.A./Army Corps of Engineers): *APPLICANT'S NAME/SSN* has been subject to a random testing program with no subsequent positive drug test results during the remainder of the six month period.

OPTION III PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING

- An ORIGINAL DATED letter on mariner employer stationary signed by a company official, stating that they hold evidence that mariner either passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs within the past 185 days or has been subject to a random testing program.

EXAMPLE: *APPLICANT'S NAME/SSN* passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs, required under Title 46 CFR 16.210 within the previous six months of the date of this letter with no subsequent positive drug test results during the remainder of the six month period.

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IF YOU HAVE NEVER HAD A TWIC CARD, OR HAVE ONE ABOUT TO EXPIRE OR RECENTLY EXPIRED, USE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE TWIC OFFICES. INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE IS THE LATEST FROM THE USCG.

For more information, call or visit the
TWIC program websites:

TSA

<http://www.twicinformation.com>

<http://www.tsa.gov/twic>

1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942)

Pre-enroll

Enrollment Information

Enrollment locations & schedules

U.S. Coast Guard

<http://homeport.uscg.mil>

1-877-MTSA-AID (1-877-687-2243)

USCG-TWIC-Helpdesk@uscg.mil

U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center

<http://www.uscg.mil/stcw>

1-888-I-ASK-NMC (1-888-427-5662)

IASKNMC@uscg.mil

The Coast Guard is allowing mariners without a valid TWIC who operate on-board vessels that do not have a VSP to acquire and renew an MMC. The applicant must have held or applied and been qualified to hold a TWIC from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). This policy will apply to mariners who are inactive or not operating under the authority of their credential, as well as those who serve on vessels that are not required to have a VSP. (See "Denial of Need" form enclosed.)

- Vessels include:
- Uninspected passenger vessels of less than 100 gross register tons (GRT)
 - Vessels inspected under subchapter T of Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations, except those on international voyages
 - towing vessels not involved in towing barges inspected under 46 CFR subchapters D, I, or O.
 - Towing vessels involved in fleetings, docking or ship assist as excepted in Title 33 CFR, Section 104.105(a)(11).
- NOTE:** *This list is not all inclusive.*

Mariners on such vessels will be permitted to renew an existing credential without submitting proof of holding a valid TWIC.

- Vessels that are required to have a VSP include:
- Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU)
 - Cargo or passenger vessel subject to the International Convention of Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS) Chapter XI-1 or Chapter XI-2
 - Towing vessels greater than eight meters in registered length engaged in towing barges
 - Passenger vessels certified to carry more than 150 passengers.
- NOTE:** *This list is not all inclusive.*



Mariners who are being issued an initial MMC, or who never held a TWIC, will need to enroll for a TWIC at a TWIC enrollment center. They will also have to pay all applicable fees associated with getting a TWIC. This is required because the TWIC enrollment center is the only place where the Coast Guard can obtain biometric information (fingerprints) from the applicant. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will also continue to conduct all screenings. Mariners associated with vessels not required to have a VSP will not be required to return to the TWIC enrollment center to pick up their TWIC as a precondition for receiving their initial MMC.

For mariners renewing their MMC, who do not require a TWIC, they may skip the TWIC enrollment process and apply for an MMC at a Regional Exam Center (REC). If a mariner chooses to do this, only criminal background data from previous applications will be available.

The Safety and Suitability "background check" conducted by the NMC will be name based. If the mariner chooses this option, they will need to affirmatively indicate that they do not desire a TWIC and that they understand that they do not desire a TWIC and that they understand that name based processing could significantly delay their credential processing. A sample statement for this may be found at

http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/twic/sample_b.pdf.

With regard to inspection enforcement, the Coast Guard will change its enforcement policies so that a mariner who does not hold a TWIC, or holds an expired TWIC but a current MMC, will not be considered in violation of the applicable regulations.

The Coast Guard is considering a regulatory project that would propose to adjust a portion of the MMC fees to compensate mariners for costs associated with enrolling for a TWIC. This regulation is still in development, but the Coast Guard intends to compete the rule in accordance with the timeline set forth in the Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Action (<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>). The Coast Guard welcomes feedback on this process, and intends to seek and respond to public comments on the regulation. Until such a regulation becomes effective, the existing MMC and TWIC fee structures remain in place.

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions and answers, please visit <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/faz.asp>.