



MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALING PROCESS – LICENSED

The United States Coast Guard's (USCG) National Maritime Center (NMC) has a great website to guide you through the Credentialing process:

<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/National-Maritime-Center/>

1. The first thing you will need to do is apply for a TWIC card:

<https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/workflows?servicecode=111111&service=pre-enroll>

2. You will also need to have a current US passport. To apply for a passport go to the following website:

<https://pptform.state.gov/PassportWizardMain.aspx>

3. You will also need to get a Physical Exam and have the Medical Practitioner complete the USCG form CG-719K:

For officers:

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/forms/CG_719K.pdf

Your primary care physician may complete this form for you, if not, there are clinics that will complete the form:

Norfolk / Hampton Roads area: <http://www.iandomedical.com/contact>

4. A negative drug test result is also required:

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/forms/CG_719P.pdf

5. You will also need to complete the minimum training requirements for the a Merchant Mariner's Credential endorsed as Third Mate (OICNW) or Third Assistant Engineer (OICEW). Training is required, please see USCG National Maritime Center checklists:

- a. Third Mate National Officer Endorsement & Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch (OICNW)

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/checklists/mcp_fm_nmc5_05_web.pdf?ver=ofR1N48JiDWwYCTfVrQEqQ%3d%3d×tamp=1710446800649

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/checklists/mcp_fm_nmc5_204_web.pdf

- b. Third Assistant Engineer, National Officer Endorsement & Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (OICEW)

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/checklists/mcp_fm_nmc5_40_web.pdf

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/checklists/mcp_fm_nmc5_213_web.pdf

6. For US military veterans, the USCG-National Maritime Center may give you credit for your Military Sea Service for higher level ratings or officer endorsements. You must provide a Transcript of Sea Service, History of Assignments or acceptable military tracking software printout to the USCG for evaluation. The Sea Service must contain vessel information such as the name of each vessel or its official number, the period of time the you were assigned to each vessel, horsepower, tonnage, area of operation, rating for enlisted or rank for officers, and position held while assigned to a vessel.

For a detailed guide for US Navy personnel please see Blueprint to Mariner: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/usn/pubs/blueprint2mariner.pdf>

7. The American Maritime Officers (AMO) represents all the licensed mariners aboard US Marine Management ships. Once you receive your MMC, the AMO will be able to assist you in joining the Union.

<https://www.amo-union.org/careers-with-amo/>

For more information about joining AMO and/or membership application, contact:

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