

# **SORRY, CASH PAYMENTS CAN NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AT REC TOLEDO**

Due to safety and security concerns, the REC will no longer process cash payments from our customers over the counter, effective immediately.

Payments will continue to be accepted by personal check, money order, or credit card. The REC also provides the following payment option: [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov)

**Pay.gov** can be used to make secure electronic payments to the U.S. Coast Guard for the evaluation of applications, examination of applicants and issuance of U. S. Coast Guard merchant mariner licenses, merchant mariner documents (MMDs) and certificates of registry (CORs).

Payments via **Pay.gov** can be made directly from your bank account or by credit/debit card. Using a credit card or bank account information you may pay:

- 1) All fees (i.e. evaluation, examination, issuance) before you submit your application; or
- 2) The fee for each phase of the application process at the following times:
  - i) The evaluation fee before you submit your application
  - ii) The examination fee before you take the first examination section
  - iii) The issuance fee(s) before you receive your license, MMD or COR.

If you arrive at the REC unable to pay your user fees by check or credit card, you may obtain a money order at any of the following locations of your choice by following these directions:

*Upon exiting the Ohio Building's main entrance on Madison Avenue (through the revolving door), National City Bank will be across the street to your left, and to your right on the next block will be Key Bank, Sky Bank and Fifth Third Bank.*

*Also to the right, down the street past Sky and Fifth Third banks, then left on Erie Street, is a **U.S. Post Office at 235 N. Erie Street** (between Madison and Jefferson). Postal Money Orders are a safe, convenient, and economical alternative to cash and can be purchased from any Post Office in the United States.*

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but the safety of my employees as well as the appropriate safeguarding of Coast Guard user fees necessitated this action.

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