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UPDATED MERCHANT MARINER MEDICAL EVALUATION REPORT

The Coast Guard is planning to release new versions of the Merchant Mariner Credential Medical Evaluation Report form (CG-719 K) and the Merchant Mariner Evaluation of Fitness for Entry Level Ratings form (CG-719 K/E). These new forms will be phased in over a two month period, as outlined below. The CG-719 K/E should be used only by mariners seeking an entry level credential. This form is limited to applicants for the following rating endorsements: Ordinary Seaman, Wiper, or Steward's Department (food handler). The CG-719K should be used for all other endorsement applications.

These forms are designed to work in conjunction with the policies set forth in the [MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL EVALUATION GUIDELINES FOR MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALS, Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular \(NVIC\) 04-08](#). The forms will assist medical practitioners with obtaining objective medical information about an applicant's physical condition as it relates to their ability to perform duties as a merchant mariner. To prevent delays in processing credential applications, applicants and medical practitioners are highly encouraged to follow the guidance in the NVIC when completing the new forms during a medical examination. This is particularly important for applicants with medical conditions or who are taking prescription medications.

Implementation Timeline:

- **November 2, 2009 to December 31, 2009 - VOLUNTARY USE PHASE** - The new forms will be available on the [NMC website](#) on November 2, 2009 for familiarization and optional use. NMC will also post a printable Instruction Guide and forms that can be completed on line, which will include embedded electronic instructions to assist both the mariner and medical practitioners in completing the forms.
- **January 1, 2010 - BEGIN MANDATORY USE** - The previous version of forms 719K and K/E will no longer be available for use on January 1, 2010. Physical exams completed on or after January 1, 2010 must be documented on Revision (01/09) of the 719 K or K/E.

For questions about the use of the new forms, please contact the NMC by email at iasknmc@uscg.mil or by phone at 1-888-IASKNMC.

Sincerely,

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