

Change in Appeal Process

The recently published rule titled “Implementation of the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, and Changes to National Endorsements” ([78 FR 77796](#)), that goes into effect on March 24, 2014, indicates that mariners may submit an appeal of a National Maritime Center (NMC) reconsideration decision directly to the Director of Inspections and Compliance (CG-5PC). Currently, appeals are sent via the NMC.

Beginning on March 24, 2014, appeals may be emailed to MMCPolicy@uscg.mil or mailed to:

U.S. Coast Guard
Director of Inspections and Compliance (CG-5PC)
2703 Martin Luther King JR Ave, SE
STOP 7501 ATTN: CG-CVC-4
Washington, DC 20593-7501

In accordance with [46 Code of Federal Regulations 1.03](#), the appeal must be submitted in writing not more than 30 days after the decision or action being appealed.

The appeal must contain a description of the decision or action being appealed, and the appellant’s reason(s) why the decision or action should be set aside or revised.

While an appeal is pending, the original decision or action remains in effect unless otherwise stayed by the Commandant.

The process for requesting reconsideration of a NMC decision or action remains the same.

Mariners and other providers should contact the Customer Service Center at IASKNMC@uscg.mil or 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) with any questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

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