



# NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER



Welcome to the National Maritime Center's  
Wizard for Raising Grade.



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# Merchant Mariner Credentials



## Merchant Mariner Credential

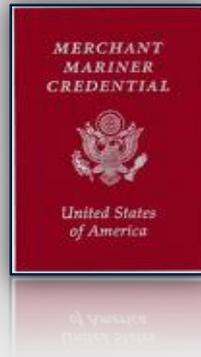
We have changed the look and feel of the MMC.

Today our new credential looks similar to a US Passport that contains all of your endorsements.

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# Requirements For Raise Of Grade



All Merchant Mariners Documents have been combined into a single Merchant Mariner Credential.

In order to apply for a Raise of Grade you will need supporting documentation of your seas service, tonnage, and training.

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# Requirements For Raise Of Grade



For a complete listing of all requirements,  
please visit the GPO's CFR website

## Code of Federal Regulations General Requirements for Raise of Grade

[Section § 10.231](#)

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# ✦ Requirements For Raise Of Grade ✦



Links to qualifications required for Domestic Endorsements. If you wish to apply for a Raise in Grade for your Domestic Endorsement you must meet the applicable requirements before the NMC will approve your request.

## Code of Federal Regulations

- [General Requirements for Officer Endorsements](#)
- [Training Schools with Approved Courses](#)
- [Professional Requirements Deck Officer](#)
- [Professional Requirements for Engineer Officer](#)
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# Requirements For Raise Of Grade



Please be sure to submit a complete application in order to avoid any delays.

## Professional Requirements

- [Able Seamen](#)
- [Certification Of Tankerman](#)
- [Credentialing of Radio Officers](#)
- [Lifeboatman](#)
- [Professional Requirements For Deck Officers](#)
- [Professional Requirements For Engineer Officer](#)
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# ✦ FEES For RAISE For Grade ✦



## Raise of Grade Fees

Raise of Grade will cost between  
\$95.00 to \$145.00.

The cost will vary based on the  
endorsement you seek.

This does not include TWIC or exam  
fees.

More information about fees can be  
found here – [Mariner Fees](#)

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# Are You An US Citizen



If you are a United States  
Citizen then select "YES".

YES

If you are not a United States Citizen,  
select "NO".

NO



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## United States Citizenship Requirements and Exceptions



You must be a United States citizen in order to obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential. Applying for endorsements as operators of uninspected passenger vessels in accordance with §11.201(d) of this part.

Exceptions

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## **CG Form 719B Application**



**All Mariners MUST complete an application (CG-719B) in order to upgrade their Merchant Mariner Credential.**

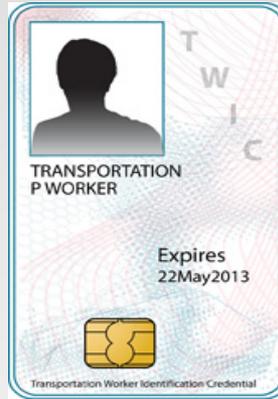
- Section I - Personal Data
- Section II - Type of Transaction
- Section III – Narcotics, DWI/DUI, and Conviction Record
- Section IV – Character References
- Section V – Mariner's Consent

[CG-719B](#)

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## Transportation Workers Identification Credential



You must hold a Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC). If you do not have a TWIC, your application for MMC will not be processed.

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**A TWIC is required!**

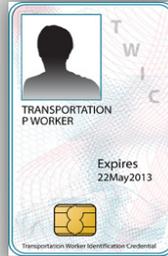
[\(Federal Code\)](#)

If you do not have a TWIC, click the TWIC Application button to apply for one. It is extremely important that you complete this requirement before applying for your credential.

**Not doing so will result in the return of your application.**

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TWIC Application



**Failure to obtain or hold a valid TWIC serves as a basis for the denial of an application for an original, renewal, new endorsement, duplicate, or raise of grade of a Mariner's Credential and may serve as a basis for suspension and revocation under 46 U.S.C 7702 and 7703.**

## TWIC CARD

Please provide a copy of your TWIC card enrollment receipt with your application.

A copy of your TWIC card or Enrollment Receipt will help to mitigate any delays in issuing your credential due to TWIC issues.

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# Medical Exam



**A physical exam is required if you are upgrading from entry level to qualified ratings and/or if you have not submitted a physical to the Coast Guard in the last 36 months.**



[CG-719K](#) or [CG-719K/E](#)

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# ✦ Medical Exams ✦



## Medical Requirements for Upgrade

All Mariners Must complete a physical exam ([CG-719K](#) or [719K/E](#)), which is subject to CG review for a “fitness for duty” determination, before a credential will be issued.

In accordance with 46 CFR 10.231.c.8, applicants who have not submitted evidence within the past 3 years that they have passed all applicable vision, hearing, medical, and/or physical exams required by 10.215 for the particular endorsement sought must submit proof, on a CG-approved form, that the applicant has passed those medical/physical tests and exams.

### Avoiding Mistakes

Please select “Continue” for information regarding Errors or Omissions that can delay the issuance of your credential

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# Common Errors



## Common Errors

Please review your physical form for these errors. Submitting your application with any of these errors will cause serious delays.



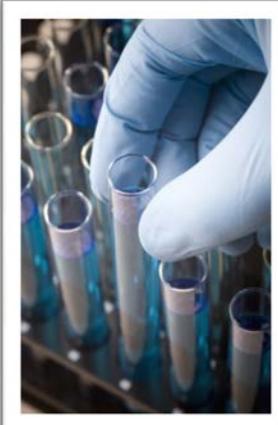
Click the Medical Condition button to review these types of issues.

Medical Conditions

- ✓ Missing doctor signature and/or license number
- ✓ Missing uncorrected vision (Section III)
- ✓ Uncorrected vision tested with corrective lenses (Section III)
- ✓ Missing pulse rate/rhythm (Section II)
- ✓ No response to medication section (Section VI)
- ✓ Missing field of vision (Section III)
- ✓ Hearing not marked as normal or impaired.



## Top 5 Medical Conditions



- [Cardiac disease or Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators](#)
- [Diabetes](#)
- [Psychiatric disorders](#)
- [Sleep apnea](#)
- [Chronic use of narcotic or benzodiazepine medication](#)

For more information regarding medical conditions, reference NVIC 04-08, [found here](#).

Mariners are encourage to print the sections of enclosure 3 of NVIC 04-08 that address their medical conditions and take them with them to their Primary Care Managers when completing their physical exam (CG-719K). Applicable medical documentation should be submitted at the time of application to facilitate a fitness for duty determination.

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## Drug Test



Have you completed your drug test or program?

YES

NO

You must complete a DOT 5 Panel Drug Test (CG-719P) from a certified lab or be enrolled in an approved drug testing program.

Please visit the NMC website for more information on approved drug tests and testing labs.

[NMC Website](#)

# ✦ DRUG TEST ✦



You must provide the results of your drug test from an approved lab, or results of a random drug testing program that meets the requirements of 46 CFR 16.230 with your application.

Only DOT 5 Panel drug test from a certified lab will be accepted (SAMHSA

Certified Labs

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# Sea Service



## Sea Service Documentation

It is up to each US Merchant Mariner to provide all military transcripts, certificates of discharge, or self certification as proof of your sea service. Missing documentation will delay your application.

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# NMC Checklist



## Sea Service



You **MUST** provide documentation with your application.



Code of Federal Regulations  
46 CFR 11.211

The NMC checklist is an excellent resource that will help you determine if you qualify for a Raise of Grade.

[NMC Checklist](#)

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**STCW**



## Standards of Training, Certification, and



The mandatory requirements for International Endorsements are contained in the STCW Convention and Code (§11.201 and §11.202).

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STCW



# STCW



Raise of grade may require additional training component(s). If you are requesting an upgrade, you will need to review the requirements of STCW and CFR.

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For more information,  
click below.

Approved Courses

Checklist

CFR

STCW



# NMC Checklist



The links below will help you navigate the NMC website for information to help you upgrade your endorsement.

- [Application CG-719B](#)
- [Call Center – IASKNMC](#)
- [Application Check List](#)
- [Endorsement Check List](#)
  - [Drug Testing](#)
  - [Medical Forms](#)
    - [STCW](#)
    - [TWIC](#)
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## Application



**Congratulations – You are ready to start the application!**

[Application](#)

[NMC Website](#)

[Feedback](#)