

## Merchant Mariner Credentialing Exam Illustrations

In an effort to improve our services to mariners and training providers, the National Maritime Center (NMC) has reviewed all deck and engine illustrations to determine which are releasable without violation of copyright laws. As a result, NMC has posted all of the deck (approximately 160) and 143 of the engineering illustrations on our website at: [www.uscg.mil/nmc](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc) under the examinations link on the left menu. At this time, the remaining engine illustrations (approximately 600) contain copyrighted materials. The Coast Guard has begun working to create government-owned illustrations to replace those that are copyrighted and will publish additional information as that effort progresses.

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Sincerely,

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