

Application Status Updates

In preparation for implementing the upcoming regulation which codifies the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention amendments and to satisfy the requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention of 2006, the Coast Guard has begun to administratively create mariner medical certificate applications in our system for mariners who hold active STCW endorsements. This initial implementation action has caused those STCW holders who had an open application in our system prior to October 18th difficulty locating the status of their current application when using the NMC's on-line Application Status Tracker. The Status Tracker is designed to show only the most recent application. These new medical certificate applications now show as the most recent but have in no way impacted the mariner's pending application.

Mariners may receive the following message when attempting to look up their application status using the application id number:

“The information you entered does not match the records in our database. There are numerous reasons why this may have occurred and does not necessarily mean that there is trouble with your application. We request that you contact the National Maritime center at IASKNMC@uscg.mil or 1-888-IASKNMC so that we may review your record to ensure you receive the most accurate information possible.”

Additionally, mariners who hold current STCW endorsements may see an application for a medical certificate in the Approved to Print State if they use their personal information to check application tracking.

Impacted mariners are encouraged to contact the NMC using the information above for the status of their current application. The Coast Guard will publish additional information regarding medical certificates in future bulletins.

Sincerely,

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