

Merchant Mariner Credential and Medical Certificate Application Submittal

In recent months, the National Maritime Center (NMC) has identified an increase in the number of Merchant Mariner Credential and Medical Certificate applications that have been sent by mariners directly to the NMC or other Coast Guard offices. Please note that applications for Merchant Mariner Credentials and Medical Certificates (CG-719B, CG-719K, and CG-719K/E), including supporting documentation, must be submitted to a Regional Exam Center (REC).

Some of the confusion has been caused by the note at the bottom of Figure 1 on page 3 of the [CG-719B](#) form. This note was included to facilitate the future use of the CG-719B for applicants seeking the original issuance or renewal of a U.S. Registered Pilot (USRP) Certificate for the Great Lakes. Only those mariners who are applying for a USRP Certificate should send their applications to the Great Lakes Pilotage Division at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. Additionally, those applicants must currently use form [CG-4509](#), Application For Registration As United States Registered Pilot. Further information regarding U.S. Registered Pilotage on the Great Lakes may be found on their [website](#).

All complete Merchant Mariner Credential and Medical Certificate applications (CG-719 series) may be submitted electronically, by mail, fax, or in person at any REC. Please note that applications not submitted via an REC may be returned to the applicant for proper routing. For procedures on submitting an application, and to find your nearest REC, please visit the [NMC website](#) and click the **REC** button.

Applicants may contact the NMC by [Online Chat](#), e-mail(IASKNMC@uscg.mil), or phone at 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) with questions regarding these forms.

Sincerely,

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