

Merchant Mariner Credentialing Program Realignment

The U.S. Coast Guard has recently implemented a change to its organizational structure, under the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, related to our Mariner Credentialing Program (MCP). By taking this action, the Coast Guard will improve mission execution and gain organizational efficiency by ensuring all aspects of our credentialing program report to a single directorate. This creates one centralized office at Headquarters responsible for all technical aspects, including statutory, regulatory, and policy development related to the Coast Guard MCP.

The Director of Standards will now have responsibility for all aspects of the credentialing program, including oversight of National Maritime Center (NMC) operations, as well as the newly created Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing (CG-MMC).

Some of the benefits include:

- Improved Customer Support
- Consistency
- Gained Efficiency.

The new office has been stood up and the necessary changes to Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations have been made to transfer the various regulatory authorities to this office. Those changes can be found in the [July 6, 2016, Federal Register](#).

For questions on the new office, please e-mail MerchantMarinerCredentialing@uscg.mil, or call (202) 372-1492.

Sincerely,

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