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MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL VERIFICATION

The Coast Guard released version one of an electronic [Merchant Mariner Credential Verification Tool](#) (MMCV), which is hosted on Homeport. This tool is intended primarily for mariners, employers and port states to verify the validity of a Merchant Mariner Credential.

Data released by this tool is limited to what is contained on the actual credential and has been determined to be publicly releasable. Once you have entered the data as discussed below the system will return:

- Basic mariner biographical information as seen on the credential.
- Credential Type. Click on the Credential Type (MMD, License, STCW, COR, MMC) for additional information.
- Credential Serial Number. Click on the Serial Number for additional information.
- Issue/Expiration Date
- Status (Valid/Invalid)
- Error. If the system can't find a match for the data you entered you will get an error message. Please contact the NMC for further information as this does not necessarily indicate an invalid credential.

Credential Verification Data may be entered in the tool in four ways:

- A document search. A single credential serial number can be entered and will return a validity status for that particular credential.
- A single mariner search. A single mariner reference number and last name can be entered and will return all valid credentials held by that mariner.
- A multiple mariner search. A list of multiple mariner reference numbers and last names can be entered and will return all valid credentials held by each mariner. This search should be accomplished by copying the data from a two column spread sheet (ref num & Last Name) into the search block. Typing the data directly into the block will not work.
- A single mariner search using biographical data. The last name, date of birth and last four digits of the mariner's social security number may be entered and will return all valid documents held by that mariner.

Additional Notes:

- Due to the conversion from legacy credentials to the MMC, many mariners' legacy credentials will continue to show as valid, until the original expiration date, in addition to their MMC.
- Credentials in Continuity Status currently show as valid. If you select the Credential Type or Serial Number on the output screen you can readily determine if the credential is in continuity or not. We hope to have a fix in place for this prior to September 09.
- Printable versions of the reports are available by selecting the Printer Friendly Button.
- The direct link to MMCV is: <http://homeport.uscg.mil/mmcv>
- Specific questions regarding a mariner credential should be addressed to:
 - Email: IASKNMC@USCG.MIL / Phone: 866-IASKNMC
- Feedback regarding the tool itself should be submitted via the NMC website link: http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/contact_iasknmc.asp and select website under the category drop down.

Sincerely,
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