



Mariner Credentialing Program Transformation Final Rule

The Coast Guard has issued a [final rule](#) updating the accepted required payment method for mariner credentialing fees, removing the requirement for prospective mariners to take an oath before an authorized official, and changing the format requirements for certificates of discharge.

The Coast Guard is working to replace the Merchant Mariner Licensing and Documentation database used by the National Maritime Center (NMC) to issue merchant mariner credentials (MMCs). The more technologically advanced, user-friendly system, called [Coast Guard Navita](#), will reduce risk and improve customer service to mariners and the maritime industry. This final rule streamlines current credentialing requirements and supports the future implementation of [Navita](#) by allowing for modern information submission processes and payment procedures.

For more information, the final rule is available on the [Federal Register](#) or by searching on www.regulations.gov under Docket Number USCG-2021-0834.

The NMC will provide additional information on the [NMC website](#) for the implementation of the requirement to pay merchant mariner credentialing fees using [Pay.gov](#), the removal of the requirement for prospective mariners to take an oath before an authorized official while completing MMC applications (Form CG-719B), and the format changes for certificates of discharge. Please check back on the [NMC website](#) for these updates.

Specific questions on mariner applications or credentialing procedures may be directed to the NMC Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 1 (888) 427-5662, via e-mail to iasknmc@uscg.mil, or through the [NMC Chat](#).

Sincerely,

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