Merchant Mariners Credentials Renewal

Renewing your credentials is straightforward and only requires five items

1. Completed CG719B application. Check officer renewal then list all your license endorsements. If not listed you will lose them
   TWIC does not have to be renewed so check the box on top on page 4 if you do not have a valid one
   Do not forget conviction statement if there is an issue
2. Current medical certificate if still valid. If the middle date on the medical certificate has not expired, you do not need a physical. If it has then you must have a completed form CG719K
3. Drug test less than 186 days or a letter from your employer or drug consortium
4. Renewal fee is $95 and pay it through pay.gov $50 for officer renewal and $45 for issuance. Email yourself a copy has the USCG does not see this and must be included with your lic app
5. You must have 365 day sea service in last five years. If not, you do a take home exam from hell.

Forms are on our site at https://www.explorersguidellc.com/help
You can mail it, fax it and scan it. REC addresses are at the bottom of our help page. With the shut down the NMC is about 2-3 weeks behind meaning 4-6 weeks to get them approved. However the REC are behind. At this time I suggest St Louis RECSTL@uscg.mil
If you scan do it at 200 dpi grayscale to get a small and readable file
Questions drop us a email captain@explorersguidellc.com or call 920-733-5500
Sincerely,

Capt Gary Kulibert

Good morning,

Yes. The information you noted in your email are the forms generally needed for a basic renewal for qualified national endorsements. Depending on what the mariner holds, additional requirements may be needed. - The following information should be helpful to any mariner requesting renewal information:
Information on applying for a Renewal is at Uscg.mil/nmc. Select "Merchant Mariner Credential" on the left. Once here select the "Original/Renewal" tab. There is a link to all required forms. Your completed application should be sent to one of our 17 Regional Exam Centers (REC). Your application can be sent via mail, fax, or email. The contact information for each REC is at https://www.dco.uscg.mil/nmc/recs/

If you will be emailing your application, please ensure your emails are 8MB or less.

The NMC will accept copies of all documents.

The fee for renewal is $95.00 total. Payment can be made online at www.pay.gov and selecting the Merchant Mariner User Fee Payment Form, or by mailing a check or money order (made payable to the USCG) to the Regional Exam Center. If you choose to make the payment online, you must also submit proof of the payment along with your application.

*Note: You are only required to renew your TWIC if you will be on an inspected vessel with a vessel security plan. If you will not be on this type of vessel, you will need to check the TWIC exemption statement under section III on your 719B form.

If you are required to hold a valid TWIC card, please include a copy of your TWIC card or receipt with the rest of your renewal forms.

Have a great day!

Please include your mariner/reference number with any responses, as the previous email chains have been deleted for protection of your personal information.

Thank You,
Amenda Turner
Contact Center Specialist II