



That's right - all USCG credentialed mariners with an active Merchant Mariner Document, License, and/or Certificate of Registry, with or without a STCW endorsement, must hold a valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), a biometric card that ensures all mariners are vetted.



# Are You a Licensed Mariner?

## Enroll for Your TWIC™ Today

**You Will Need Your TWIC by April 15, 2009 to Maintain Your Current Coast Guard Credentials**

- **What is a TWIC and why do I need it?**

The TWIC is a biometric card that ensures only vetted mariners hold Coast Guard credentials. It fulfills the mandate of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA). You need it for your job and it's the law.

- **When do I need my TWIC?**

All U.S. Coast Guard credentialed mariners must obtain a TWIC by the national compliance date, **April 15, 2009**. Prior to **April 15, 2009**, they can access secure areas of MTSA-regulated facilities by showing a current Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) or by presenting a current Merchant Mariner License (MML) or Certificate of Registry (COR) along with valid photo identification.

Vessels and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities will also need to implement TWIC prior to the national compliance deadline, **April 15, 2009**.

- **How can I enroll for my TWIC?**

You can pre-enroll, find an enrollment center, and schedule an appointment online via [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) or by calling 1-866-DHS-TWIC. Otherwise, just walk in to the closest enrollment center to complete the initial application. You'll be notified when your card is ready – and you'll need to return to activate it.

- **How much does a TWIC cost?**

A TWIC costs \$132.50 and is good for five years. A reduced fee of \$105.25 is available to holders of the following:

- Valid Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) issued after Feb. 3, 2005
- Merchant Marine License (MML) issued after Jan. 13, 2006

If an individual obtains a reduced-fee TWIC, the expiration date will be based on the expiration date of the MMD or MML. Applicants must present one of these documents at the time of enrollment to qualify for the reduced fee.

**Remember:** Individuals who fail to obtain a TWIC by the compliance date may be subject to suspension or revocation of their mariner credentials.



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