Welcome to the National Maritime Center’s Wizard for Raising Grade.

The NMC is the licensing authority for the US Coast Guard.
We have changed the look and feel of the MMC.

Today our new credential looks similar to a US Passport that contains all of your endorsements.
All Merchant Mariners Documents have been combined into a single Merchant Mariner Credential.

In order to apply for a Raise of Grade you will need supporting documentation of your seas service, tonnage, and training.
Requirements For Raise Of Grade

For a complete listing of all requirements, please visit the GPO’s CFR website

Code of Federal Regulations
General Requirements for Raise of Grade

Section § 10.231
Code of Federal Regulations
Check List
Officer Endorsements
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Links to qualifications required for Domestic Endorsements. If you wish to apply for a Raise in Grade for your Domestic Endorsement you must meet the applicable requirements before the NMC will approve your request.

**Code of Federal Regulations**

- General Requirements for Officer Endorsements
- Training Schools with Approved Courses
- Professional Requirements Deck Officer
- Professional Requirements for Engineer Officer
- Credentialing of Radio Officers
- Professional Requirements for Pilots
- Registration of Staff Officers
- Subjects of Examinations and Practical
- Demonstration of Competence
Please be sure to submit a complete application in order to avoid any delays.

Professional Requirements

- Able Seamen
- Certification Of Tankerman
- Credentialing of Radio Officers
- Lifeboatman
- Professional Requirements For Deck Officers
- Professional Requirements For Engineer Officer
- Professional Requirements For Pilots
- Qualified Member Of The Engine Department
- Registration Of Staff Officers
- Requirements For Rating Endorsements
- Ro-ro Passenger Ships

[Link to Check List Webpage]

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Raise of Grade will cost between $95.00 to $145.00.

The cost will vary based on the endorsement you seek.

This does not include TWIC or exam fees.

More information about fees can be found here – Mariner Fees.
If you are a United States Citizen then select “YES”.

If you are not a United States Citizen, select “NO”.
You must be a United States citizen in order to obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential. Applying for endorsements as operators of uninspected passenger vessels in accordance with §11.201(d) of this part.
All Mariners MUST complete an application (CG-719B) in order to upgrade their Merchant Mariner Credential.

- Section I - Personal Data
- Section II - Type of Transaction
- Section III – Narcotics, DWI/DUI, and Conviction Record
- Section IV – Character References
- Section V – Mariner’s Consent

CG-719B
You must hold a Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC). If you do not have a TWIC, your application for MMC will not be processed.
If you do not have a TWIC, click the TWIC Application button to apply for one. It is extremely important that you complete this requirement before applying for your credential.

Not doing so will result in the return of your application.
Failure to obtain or hold a valid TWIC serves as a basis for the denial of an application for an original, renewal, new endorsement, duplicate, or raise of grade of a Mariner’s Credential and may serve as a basis for suspension and revocation under 46 U.S.C 7702 and 7703.

TWIC CARD

Please provide a copy of your TWIC card enrollment receipt with your application.

A copy of your TWIC card or Enrollment Receipt will help to mitigate any delays in issuing your credential due to TWIC issues.
A physical exam is required if you are upgrading from entry level to qualified ratings and/or if you have not submitted a physical to the Coast Guard in the last 36 months.
Avoiding Mistakes

Please select “Continue” for information regarding Errors or Omissions that can delay the issuance of your credential.

Medical Exams

Medical Requirements for Upgrade

All Mariners Must complete a physical exam (CG-719K or 719K/E), which is subject to CG review for a “fitness for duty” determination, before a credential will be issued.

In accordance with 46 CFR 10.231.c.8, applicants who have not submitted evidence within the past 3 years that they have passed all applicable vision, hearing, medical, and/or physical exams required by 10.215 for the particular endorsement sought must submit proof, on a CG-approved form, that the applicant has passed those medical/physical tests and exams.
Common Errors

Please review your physical form for these errors. Submitting your application with any of these errors will cause serious delays.

Click the Medical Condition button to review these types of issues.

- Missing doctor signature and/or license number
- Missing uncorrected vision (Section III)
- Uncorrected vision tested with corrective lenses (Section III)
- Missing pulse rate/rhythm (Section II)
- No response to medication section (Section VI)
- Missing field of vision (Section III)
- Hearing not marked as normal or impaired.
Top 5 Medical Conditions

- Cardiac disease or Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators
- Diabetes
- Psychiatric disorders
- Sleep apnea
- Chronic use of narcotic or benzodiazepine medication

For more information regarding medical conditions, reference NVIC 04-08, found here.

Mariners are encouraged to print the sections of enclosure 3 of NVIC 04-08 that address their medical conditions and take them with them to their Primary Care Managers when completing their physical exam (CG-719K). Applicable medical documentation should be submitted at the time of application to facilitate a fitness for duty determination.

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Have you completed your drug test or program?

You must complete a DOT 5 Panel Drug Test (CG-719P) from a certified lab or be enrolled in an approved drug testing program.

Please visit the NMC website for more information on approved drug tests and testing labs.
You must provide the results of your drug test from an approved lab, or results of a random drug testing program that meets the requirements of 46 CFR 16.230 with your application.

Only DOT 5 Panel drug test from a certified lab will be accepted (SAMHSA 5 Panel).
It is up to each US Merchant Mariner to provide all military transcripts, certificates of discharge, or self certification as proof of your sea service. Missing documentation will delay your application.
Sea Service

You MUST provide documentation with your application.

Code of Federal Regulations
46 CFR 11.211

The NMC checklist is an excellent resource that will help you determine if you qualify for a Raise of Grade.

NMC Checklist

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The mandatory requirements for International Endorsements are contained in the STCW Convention and Code (§11.201 and §11.202).
Raise of grade may require additional training component(s). If you are requesting an upgrade, you will need to review the requirements of STCW and CFR.

For more information, click below.

- Approved Courses
- Checklist
- CFR
- STCW

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The links below will help you navigate the NMC website for information to help you upgrade your endorsement.

- Application CG-719B
- Call Center – IASKNMC
- Application Check List
- Endorsement Check List
  - Drug Testing
  - Medical Forms
    - STCW
    - TWIC
  - User Fees
  - REC Locations

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Congratulations – You are ready to start the application!