



MARITIME INSTITUTE INC.

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BASIC REQUIREMENTS

FOR LOWER LEVEL LICENSES/CREDENTIALS

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO DOCUMENT THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF DAYS FOR THE LICENSE/CREDENTIAL YOU ARE SEEKING, OF THESE DAYS 90 DAYS MUST BE WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS

OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSELS (6 passengers or less) You must be at least 18 years old. You must be able to document at least **360 days of experience** in operation of a vessel. 90 days of the 360 days must be on ocean or near coastal waters or the license will be limited to inland waters only. The license will be limited to vessels of less than 100 gross tons. If you are **NOT** a U.S. Citizen you can receive this license **BUT** your tonnage may be limited to vessels of 5 Gross Tons or less.

TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING LICENSES/CREDENTIALS YOU MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN

MATE, Near Coastal: You must be 19 years old. You must be able to document at least **360 days of experience** in operation of a vessel and at least 180 of these days must be on ocean or near coastal waters.

MASTER, Inland, Not More Than 100 GT You must be 19 years old. You must be able to document at least **360 days of experience** in operation of vessels on any waters. License will be limited to inland waters. To be eligible for a 100 gross tons license, 180 days must be on a vessel of at least 35 gross tons, otherwise the license will be limited to 25 or 50 gross tons. Endorsement for Sail or Auxiliary Sail is available with 180 days of Sail or Auxiliary Sail time (may be the same or part of the 360 days).

MASTER, Near Coastal, Not More Than 100 GT You must be 19 years old. You must be able to document at least **720 days of experience** in operation of a vessel. 360 days of the 720 must be on near coastal waters. To be eligible for a 100 gross tons license, 360 days must be on a vessel of at least 35 gross tons, otherwise the license will be limited to 25 or 50 gross tons. Endorsement for Sail or Auxiliary Sail is available with 360 days of Sail or Auxiliary Sail time (may be the same or part of the 720 days).

All Mariners must apply for a TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) before submitting an application packet to the USCG. The TWIC information can be accessed at www.TSA.gov/TWIC.

You must be underway on the water for a minimum of 4 hours underway before it counts as one day. (Only one day's credit allowed for each calendar date)

A U.S. Coast Guard Approved CPR and First Aid course is required. (Adult CPR, basic First Aid). The First Aid must have been within the last 12 months and the CPR must be current.

You must pass a routine physical. This must have been done within the past 12 months. Your vision must be at least 20/200 uncorrected in each eye and correctable to 20/40 in each eye. (Waivers are available in some cases). Color sense must be satisfactory.

Drug screening is required and must have been done within the last 6 months.

DUI's, drug, and felony convictions are reviewed by the USCG and depending on the offense there could be a 1-10 year hold period before you receive a license or credential.

Military time and foreign time is evaluated by the Coast Guard (REC). This time is evaluated on a case by case basis.

**ALL ABOVE INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME AND WITHOUT NOTICE.
LICENSES ARE EVALUATED AND ISSUED ACCORDING TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S DISCRETION.**