



# So, what DOES it take to work on a ship?

It does not require any previous sea time or vessel experience!

It will take TIME, PERSISTENCE, and some paperwork.

1. First you will have to get a TWIC credential by going to this website:  
<https://twicprogram.tsa.dhs.gov/TWICWebApp/Privacy.do> (Scroll down & click continue to fill out your information. If you have trouble with your TWIC application, call 1-866-347-8942)
2. You will have to get a special physical exam. Have your doctor fill out this exact form: <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/forms/medical/CG719KE.pdf>
3. Get & pass a “DOT 5 Panel” or a “SAMHSA 5 Panel” drug test. Keep the results!
4. Fill out this application for a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC):  
[http://www.uscg.mil/forms/cg/CG\\_719B.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/forms/cg/CG_719B.pdf) (If you have trouble with your MMC application call 1-888-427-5662)
5. Pay the MMC processing & issuance fee at [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) print and keep your receipt.
6. Mail items 1-5 to: Coast Guard Regional Exam Center , 800 E. Diamond Blvd, Suite 3-227, Anchorage, Alaska 99515
7. If you have questions about your application, call 1-866-347-8942
8. If you have any training questions or just need that extra help for any of the above, contact the Alaska Maritime Training Center at AVTEC, at 907- 224- 6196 and speak with one of our staff.