



# TRAINING RESOURCES MARITIME INSTITUTE

## TWIC: TRANSPORTATION WORKER'S IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL

### How to Obtain a TWIC?

1. Complete the **online application** at: <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic>. Or, do an internet search for TSA TWIC to locate the website.
2. **Schedule an appointment** through the website at a local TSA/TWIC office. Offices are located all over the US and a complete list of locations is on the website.
3. **Appointment** at TSA/TWIC Office:
  - Bring your current U.S. passport or a driver's license and birth certificate
  - Have your fingerprints taken
  - Have your photo taken
  - **Pay a \$125.25 non-refundable fee** with a credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check. See website for current fees
  - Note: Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments take priority

### What is a TWIC?

Commonly known as a "TWIC Card." A TWIC, Transportation Worker's Identification Credential, is required by the US Coast Guard (USCG), National Maritime Center (NMC), for all mariner's applying for or holding a USCG/NMC Merchant Mariner Credentials.

The TWIC is a photo ID, tamper-resistant "Smart Card" containing the mariner's biometric (fingerprint template) to allow for a positive link between the card itself and the individual.

The USCG/NMC uses the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), system to conduct this specific background investigation to determine a person's eligibility for a USCG/NMC Merchant Mariner Credential. Other background checks and clearances are not transferable to meet this requirement.

### How Long is a TWIC Valid?

A TWIC is valid for 5 years.

### Is the TWIC Required to be Renewed?

Many mariners do not need to renew their TWIC after the first issuance. Be sure to verify if you meet the renewal requirements. **A TWIC needs to be renewed if** a mariner is required by their employer, insurance carrier, or will be accessing secure government facilities or vessels regulated by MTSA.

### Need More Information?

Visit the TSA TWIC website at: <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic> or call (855) 347-8371 weekdays, 8am – 10pm Eastern Standard Time.

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