




Becoming a Merchant Mariner:
Steps for acquiring an entry level Ordinary Seaman Merchant Mariner Credential



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| Training | <p>Training: Basic Safety Training - 5 days</p> <p>Basic Safety Training (BT): is an STCW training course required of all mariners. Course topics include: Personal Survival, Firefighting, First Aid, Personal Safety Frequency: Every Five years</p> | <p>Course Providers</p> |
| Training | <p>Training: Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties – 1 day</p> <p>Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties (VPDSD) is an STCW training course required of all mariners. Course topics include: Vessel Security Frequency: One time only</p> | <p>Course Providers</p> |
| Application | <p>Application: Apply for a Transportation Worker Identification Card</p> <p>A TWIC is a federal ID card required of all merchant mariners. You will need your card to apply for your MMC, and later to access terminals and port security. Frequency: Every Five years</p> | <p>Apply Here</p> |
| Medical | <p>Complete a USCG Physical and Drug Test</p> <p>Your primary care provider can perform the physical and complete USCG Form 719K/E (entry level) The drug test will need to be completed by a USCG approved provider along with USCG Form 719P</p> | <p>USCG Forms</p> |
| Application | <p>Application: Apply for your Ordinary Seaman Merchant Mariner Credential</p> <p>An Ordinary Seaman is the entry level rating for Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMC). Your MMC is valid for five years. Upon completing training and acquiring seetime, you can upgrade your MMC rating.</p> | <p>Application Package</p> |
| Join a union! | <p>Many Maritime Unions have hiring and dispatch halls that assist you in hiring on with a Maritime company. Some of the unions in the PNW are:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> | |