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### ● Who needs a TWIC?

Company, vessel, and facility security officers and personnel responsible for security duties are required to obtain a TWIC. Individuals who frequently access secure areas in the course of their employment will also need to obtain a TWIC. These populations include but are not limited to:

- Non-credentialed mariners in vessel crew
- Facility employees who work in a secure area
- Truckers bringing/picking up cargo at a facility
- Agents
- Other maritime professionals
- Longshoreman
- Drayage truckers
- Surveyors
- Chandlers
- Port chaplains

### ● What are secure areas?

A secure area is defined as the area on board a vessel, at a facility or outer continental shelf facility over which the owner/operator has implemented security measures for access control in accordance with a Coast Guard approved security plan. It does not include passenger access areas, employee access areas, or public access areas.

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The following individuals **must** obtain a TWIC:

- 1) All credentialed U.S. merchant mariners with active credentials. This includes all persons holding a Coast Guard-issued Merchant Mariner License, Merchant Mariner Document, or Certificate of Registry;
- 2) Anyone allowed unescorted access to secure areas of U.S.-flagged vessels, facilities, and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities subject to 33 CFR Parts 104, 105, and 106 respectively;
- 3) A vessel pilot;
- 4) All individuals working aboard towing vessels that push, pull or haul alongside tank vessels

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### ● What will the enrollment process entail?

During enrollment, applicants will be required to visit the Enrollment Center to:

- provide biographic information
- sign a disclosure form
- provide the necessary identity verification documents
- provide a complete set of fingerprints
- sit for a digital photograph
- pay the enrollment fee

### ● What documentation is required for enrollment?

Applicants **must** provide the appropriate documents in order to verify their identity. They must provide one document from list A or two from list B:

List A (Any 1 of list below)

- Unexpired U.S. Passport
- Unexpired Permanent Resident Card or Unexpired Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph
- Unexpired Foreign Passport with one of the following:
  - I-551 Stamp;
  - Attached INS Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization;
  - Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (I-766);
  - OR with one of the following Unexpired Visas: E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B, H-1B1, L-1, O-1, TN, M-1, C-1/D
- FAST (Free and Secure Trade) Card
- Merchant Mariner Document (MMD)

List B (need two and one must be a government-issued photo ID)

- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560, 561)
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or 570)
- Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States
- Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- Voter's Registration Card
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- U.S. Military ID or U.S. Retired Military ID
- U.S. Military Dependent's Card
- Expired U.S. Passport
- Native American Tribal Document
- U.S. Social Security Card
- U.S. Citizen Card I-197
- U.S. Military Discharge Papers DD-214
- Department of Transportation (DOT) Medical Card
- Civil Marriage Certificate
- MML (Merchant Mariner License) bearing an official raised seal, or a certified copy

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### ● **How much will the TWIC cost?**

The TWIC will cost \$132.50 and is payable by Credit Card, Money Order or Certified Check. Those who hold a valid MMD issued after February 3, 2003, MML issued after January 13, 2006, HME issued after May 31, 2005, or a FAST card, may pay a reduced fee of \$105.25. Those applicants choosing to pay the reduced fee must present an MML, MMD, HME, or FAST card at the time of enrollment. If the reduced fee is paid, the TWIC expiration date will be 5 years from the date on the supporting MML, MMD, HME, or FAST card.

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#### ● What can disqualify me from getting a TWIC?

**-Criminal:** An individual is wanted for any crime, under indictment for one of the disqualifying offenses, or has been convicted or incarcerated for those disqualifying felonies within prescribed time periods.

**-Immigration:** An individual does not meet the immigration status requirements

**-Security Threat:** An individual is identified as having a connection to terrorist activity.

If an applicant does not meet the qualification standards, then they have the opportunity to participate in the TWIC appeal and waiver process. See [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) for more information.

#### ● What are the Permanent Disqualifying Offenses?

The following offenses are disqualifying *if they occurred at any time*:

1. Espionage/conspiracy to commit espionage.
2. Sedition/conspiracy to commit sedition.
3. Treason/conspiracy to commit treason.
4. Terrorism.
5. Transportation security incident. (Defined as a security incident resulting in a significant loss of life, environmental damage, transportation system disruption, or economic disruption in a particular area. A work stoppage, or other nonviolent employee-related, resulting from an employer-employee dispute is not a transportation security incident.)
6. Improper transportation of a hazardous material/comparable State law.
7. Explosives: Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, manufacture, purchase, receipt, transfer, shipping, transporting, import, export, storage of, or dealing in an explosive or explosive device.
8. Murder.
9. Bomb threats – making any threat, or maliciously conveying false information knowing the same to be false, concerning the deliverance, placement, or detonation of an explosive or other lethal device in or against a place of public use, a state or government facility, a public transportation system, or an infrastructure facility.
10. RICO (Racketeer influenced and Corrupt Organizations) violation/comparable State law, where an underlying act is one of the crimes listed above.
11. Attempt to commit the crimes in items (1)-(4).
12. Conspiracy or attempt to commit the crimes in items (5)-(10)

#### ● What are the Interim Disqualifying Offenses?

The following are disqualifying if they happened *within 7 years of the date* of the application or the applicant was *released from prison in the last 5 years*:

1. Firearms: Unlawful possession, use, sale, manufacture, purchase, distribution, receipt, transfer, shipping, transporting, delivery, import, export of, or dealing in a firearm or other weapon.
2. Extortion.
3. Dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud and money laundering where the money laundering is related to a crime listed here (permanent or interim disqualifying offense). This DOES NOT include welfare fraud or passing bad checks.
4. Bribery.
5. Smuggling.
6. Immigration violations.
7. Distribution of, possession with intent to distribute, or importation of a controlled substance.
8. Arson.
9. Kidnapping or hostage taking.
10. Rape or aggravated sexual abuse.
11. Assault with intent to kill.
12. Robbery.
13. Fraudulent entry into a seaport as described in 18 U.S.C. 1036, or a comparable State law.
14. RICO violations/comparable State law, other than the violations listed in permanent disqualifying offense (10).
15. Conspiracy or attempt to commit interim disqualifying offenses (1) – (14).

Outstanding warrants, warrants, and indictments for any of the crimes listed above are disqualifying.