
Captain's License Applications Fees

Frequently Asked Questions

When paying fees, we recommend utilizing Pay.gov. Make sure that your payment receipt is included as part of your application packet when submitting it to your local Regional Exam Center.

QUESTION: I am applying for a credential. How do I know what amount to pay?

In order to determine the amount due, review 46 CFR 10.219 Table 1, and the following tables.

When submitting your payment, you must ensure it is for the exact amount required. Here is a breakdown of licensing costs for Mariners Learning System students:

Type	Applying For	Eval	Exam	Issue	Total
Original	OUPV/Six-pack; 25/50 or 100 Ton Master License	\$100	N/A*	\$45	\$145.00
Raise in Grade	All	\$100	N/A*	\$45	\$145.00
Modification	All	\$50	N/A*	\$45	\$95.00
Renewal	All	\$50	N/A*	\$45	\$95.00
Duplicate	All	N/A	N/A	\$45	\$45

*No additional testing fees when you take your course through Mariners Learning System. If you were to have tested with the USCG Regional Exam Center there would have been an additional \$95.00 fee.

QUESTION: I am applying for more than one endorsement. Will I be required to pay for each?

Regardless of the number of endorsements requested, only one evaluation fee and one issuance fee will be required. The required evaluation fee is determined based on the cost of the highest endorsement you are requesting.

QUESTION: What forms of payment are accepted?

The preferred method to make your payment is through Pay.gov. If paying via Pay.gov, be sure to send in a copy of your payment receipt. If you prefer to pay in-person at a Regional Exam Center (REC), you can pay by check, credit card, or money order. The majority of RECs are no longer able to process cash payments—please be prepared to use another method of payment. Payments submitted by mail may NOT be made in cash.

QUESTION: I want to pay by check/money order and mail it to the REC. To whom do I address the check?

If paying by check or money order, write U.S. Coast Guard in the “Pay to the order of” line. On the “Memo” line write your full name and mariner reference number OR the last four digits of your social security number. Checks mailed to a REC for an incorrect amount will be returned to the applicant with a request for the correct amount.