
Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential, also known as TWIC, is required by the Maritime Transportation Security Act for workers who need access to secure areas of the nation's maritime facilities and vessels. TSA conducts a security threat assessment (background check) to determine a person's eligibility and issues the credential. U.S. citizens and immigrants in certain immigration categories may apply for the credential. Most mariners licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard also require a credential. Click this link to view the video: TWIC Card

Apply

Complete the online application or you can complete the entire process in person at an application center. Schedule an appointment online or call (855) 347-8371 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments take priority.

When applying for your Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) please ensure you identify your occupation as a "Merchant Mariner", so that the National Maritime Center is able to conduct a safety & suitability evaluation of your application.

Visit a TWIC application center to:

Provide required documentation, be fingerprinted and take a facial photo. Bring your current U.S. passport or a driver's license and birth certificate. See other acceptable documents.

Pay a non-refundable fee valid for five years with a credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check.

You can have your card mailed to your home address or you can pick it up at the application center. You can check your status online at any time.

Eligibility

You may apply if you are a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, naturalized citizen or a nonimmigrant alien, asylee, or refugee who is in lawful status.

Applicants may be ineligible due to:

Incomplete or false application information.

Disqualifying criminal offenses and factors.