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New User Fees for Merchant Mariner Merchant Mariner Credentials

In addition to the benefits of not having to appear at an REC to provide fingerprints and identity documents, many mariners will see a reduction in the user fees charged for an MMC. Currently mariners who apply for multiple credentials on one application, such as a license and an MMD, pay a single evaluation fee but multiple issuance fees for each credential. Under the MMC the same mariner will pay only one issuance fee. For those mariners who have multiple credentials with varying expiration dates, the consolidation into a single credential will eliminate the repetition of multiple issuance fees in the long term. The Fee Table below is taken directly from the [MMC Final Rule](#), which will become effective on April 15, 2009.

If you apply for	And you need...		
	Evaluation then the fee is...	Examination then the fee is...	Issuance then the fee is...
MMC with officer endorsement:			
Original:			
Upper level	\$100	\$110	\$45
Lower level	\$100	\$95	\$45
Renewal	\$50	\$45	\$45
Raise of grade	\$100	\$45	\$45
Modification or removal of limitation or scope	\$50	\$45	\$45
Radio officer endorsement:			
Original	\$50	\$45	\$45
Renewal	\$50	n/a	\$45
Staff officer endorsements:			
Original	\$90	n/a	\$45
Renewal	\$50	n/a	\$45
MMC with rating endorsement:			
Original endorsement for ratings other than qualified ratings	\$95	n/a	\$45
Original endorsement for qualified rating	\$95	\$140	\$45
Upgrade or Raise of Grade	\$95	\$140	\$45
Renewal endorsement for ratings other than qualified ratings	\$50	n/a	\$45
Renewal endorsement for qualified rating	\$50	\$45	\$45
STCW certification:			
Original	No fee	No fee	No fee
Renewal	No fee	No fee	No fee
Reissue, replacement, and duplicate	n/a	n/a	\$45\1\

\1\ Duplicate for MMC lost as result of marine casualty - No Fee.

Other important note regarding user fees

- Only one issuance and one evaluation fee, per application, will be required for the issuance of an MMC regardless of the number of endorsements. The evaluation fee will be that of the highest endorsement requested. Subsequent endorsements added, under separate application, during the 5 yr validity period, will result in another evaluation and issuance fee per application.

- There is no fee for issuance of a Document of Continuity or for a stand alone STCW endorsement to a MMC.
- At a minimum, evaluation fees are required to be paid by/at the time of application. Follow-on fees for testing and issuance must be paid prior to testing/issuance. In order to avoid delays it is recommended that all fees be paid at one time.
- The use of [Pay.Gov](#) is the preferred method of payment and helps to make mariner evaluations more efficient. Printed receipts from [Pay.Gov](#) are acceptable for proof of payment and should be forwarded to the REC with your application or subsequently for testing and issuance. Receipts mailed separately from your application should contain the mariner's full legal name, the last four of the SSN, reference number and a statement of what the fee is for. [Pay.Gov](#) is being updated to reflect the MMC fee chart above.
- Payments submitted by mail may not be made in cash. Mailed payments should specify the type of credential sought and the type of fee (e.g., evaluation, examination, issuance) being paid. Fees mailed separately from the application must contain the mariner's full legal name, the last four of the SSN and the mariner's reference number.

Sincerely,

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