



## CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR USCG LICENSING

### Entry Level Cadet Applications

- In order to apply for an entry level Cadet MMC, without licensed (Officer) endorsements, you must be either:
    - a U.S. citizen,
    - an alien lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence, or
    - possess a valid F-1 student visa
- AND
- Possess a valid TWIC,
  - be free of any legal issues, and
  - able to meet all medical requirements for licensure.

Non-US citizens should contact the Licensing office no later than the fall term of their sophomore year for information on applying for a TWIC and discuss the entry level credential process for foreign nationals.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> Mate and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineer Applications

- U.S. citizens will receive, once all degree and program requirements have been satisfied, and upon completion of USCG License exams, an Officer's credential as Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer, STCW endorsement, and all related certifications.
- Non-U.S. citizens, but legal residents of the United States may apply for, and upon USCG approval, sit for USCG licensing exams. Exam scores will remain valid for 12 months of completion of exams, during which time, citizenship application requirements must be fulfilled. **United States citizenship is required to attain the U.S. Coast Guard Officer's License** Upon completion of all degree and program requirements, credentials will be issued based upon citizenship status at that time.
- Non-U.S. citizens, but legal residents of the United States, or cadets with valid F-1 Visa status holding a valid TWIC, may apply to sit for the USCG License exams, and upon completion of all degree and program requirements and the USCG License exams, will receive a Letter of Accreditation INSTEAD of a U.S. Coast Guard License. The Letter of Accreditation, along with all program certificates, may then be used to apply for a home country Coast Guard License. The process will vary from country to country. *Non-U.S. citizens should meet with the Licensing Coordinator to determine timing of their application.*

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