



GET YOUR USCG CAPTAIN'S LICENSE IN JUST 3 WEEKENDS WITH NO COAST GUARD EXAM

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a USCG Approved Course?

The Mariners School USCG Approved Courses offer an alternative to the regular testing process held at the Coast Guard Regional Exam Centers. The benefit being that if you test with the USCG they literally have thousands of questions in their data base from which to draw a test from. Mariners School uses a few hundred questions from their data base of which all questions are provided in the student workbook and study guide. All topic areas are covered fully to ensure a complete understanding of the relevant material.

Will I have to take a test at the USCG Regional Exam Center?

NO. Successful completion of the Mariners School USCG approved course allows you to test in familiar surroundings, with your fellow students at a Mariners School facility.

How do I get my license?

After successfully completing the course and exam, you bring your Mariners School Certificate along with your completed USCG application to the Regional Exam Center and they will issue your License. You do not test at the USCG Regional Exam Center.

Is there a Retest Policy?

Yes. The test is given in four sections, if you do not meet the minimum score requirements on any section you only need to retest the section(s) you missed. You can retest after a review of the material on which you were lacking the necessary knowledge.

Is there a guarantee that a student will pass the course?

No. However, Mariners School instructors are all trained professionals that will work closely with each student.

Is there anything I have to do besides taking the Mariners School USCG approved course to receive my license?

Yes. There are several Coast Guard requirements that you must meet to get your license. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

Application Form: Complete the required sections for an original license. Three character references must be included. The application, once received by the Coast Guard, is valid for one year.

Physical Exam Form: Must be completely filled out. An incomplete form will delay your application. Not meeting a vision, hearing, or general physical condition requirements does not automatically disqualify the applicant.

Drug Test: All applicants must be certified "Drug free" by:

Having a USCG approved drug testing facility submit a Drug Free form or submitting a letter stating the applicant is currently enrolled in a Coast Guard required random drug testing program.

Sea Service Form: You must tabulate your experience operating your own vessels on the Sea Service Form. If necessary, use added copies to account for service on more than four vessels. One day of service consists of a minimum of four hours underway, not dockside. You may only claim one day in a 24-hour period.

Documentation of Sea Service: If sea time is documented on your own vessel, use state registration, documentation certificate, bill of sale, or insurance papers. Service on vessels other than your own must be supported by the vessel owner filling out a Sea Service form and having it notarized.

Proof of Age and Citizenship:

Must be verified by one of the following:

1. Birth Certificate (original or certified copy)
2. Passport (original or certified copy)
3. Certificate of Naturalization (original only)
4. Proper documentation for name change
5. Proof of Social Security Number: You must submit an original or duplicate, not a copy.

CPR/First Aid Card(s): A certificate dated within the last 12 months of your application date from one of the following courses:

- American Red Cross
- American Heart Association



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