



TWIC Quick Notes

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is TWIC?**

TWIC is a common identification credential for all personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas of MTSA-regulated facilities and vessels, and all mariners holding Coast Guard-issued credentials. TSA will issue workers a tamper-resistant "Smart Card" containing the worker's biometric (fingerprint template) to allow for a positive link between the card itself and the individual.

- **Who needs a TWIC?**

Company, vessel, and facility security officers and personnel responsible for security duties are required to obtain a TWIC. Individuals who frequently access secure areas in the course of their employment will also need to obtain a TWIC. These populations include but are not limited to:

- Non-credentialed mariners in vessel crew
- Longshoremen
- Facility employees who work in a secure area
- Drayage truckers
- Truckers bringing/picking up cargo at a facility
- Surveyors
- Agents
- Chandlers
- Port chaplains
- Other maritime professionals

- **Why should I pre-enroll?**

Applicants are encouraged to pre-enroll to save time at the enrollment center. The pre-enrollment process will allow you to submit necessary biographic information before enrolling, select the enrollment center of your choice to complete enrollment, and schedule an appointment at an enrollment center to mitigate long lines.

- **How do I pre-enroll?**

Call 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942) or visit www.tsa.gov/twic.

- **How much will a TWIC cost?**

The TWIC will cost \$132.50 and is payable by Credit Card, Money Order or Certified Check. MML, HME, and FAST card holders may pay a reduced fee of \$105.25

- **When will I be able to register?**

Enrollment dates, locations, and information on enrolling will be available soon. To save time, you can Pre-enroll online or by phone. When enrollment begins in your area, you must visit an enrollment center to complete the enrollment process and pay the associated fee.

- **By what date must I enroll?**

USCG will publish in the Federal Register the TWIC compliance dates for each Captain of the Port Zone (COTP). In accordance with the TWIC Final Rule, USCG will provide at least 90 days notice prior to the compliance date. In no case will the compliance date be later than September 25, 2008. The dates for the initial enrollment periods can be found in the current TWIC schedule available on the TWIC website.

*Please go to www.tsa.gov/twic to see the listing of required identity documentation, or call 1-866-347-8942