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TWIC®

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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. Regarding card usage and facility access requirements, please contact the [U.S. Coast Guard](#).

Apply

1

Complete the [online application](#) or you can complete the entire process in person at an application center.

2

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.

3

Visit a TWIC application center to:

1. 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](#).
2. Pay a non-refundable fee valid for five years with a credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check.

- New applicant: \$125.25
- New applicant reduced rate: \$105.25*
- Replacement card: \$60

3. 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.

To be eligible for the reduced rate you must present a valid driver license with a hazardous materials endorsement, or a Free and Secure Trade card. Please note, if you select the reduced rate, your new TWIC card will be valid for five years from the chosen document's issuance date.

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:

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TWIC Fee Change

Effective October 1, 2016, the fee for a new TWIC enrollment has been reduced to \$125.25. Reduced fee enrollments and replacement card fees will not change.

- Incomplete or false application information.
- Disqualifying criminal offenses and factors.

TWIC® FAQ

Can a TWIC® card be confiscated or taken from an individual by an employer?

How can I go to work—gain access to a facility—while waiting for my replacement card?

How can I request a replacement TWIC® card or request a card transfer?

How does TSA protect the privacy of the information I provide?

How do I renew my TWIC®?

How will my name appear on my TWIC® card?

If I find my lost card after I reported it missing, can I still use it?

What are the rules for handling a TWIC®?

What happens after I submit my application?

What if I no longer meet the eligibility requirements?

What if I receive a Preliminary Determination of Ineligibility letter from TSA?

What is the legal interpretation of the phrase “field of transportation”?

What is the TWIC annotated B-1 visa and who can apply for one?

What personal information is stored on my TWIC® card?

Who is considered part of the field of transportation and can pay for TSA’s vetting services through user fees?

