



Application for Merchant Mariner Credential – Funding for Fishermen

Able Seafarer Certificate & Master License

The Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Development Program (GFWDP) and Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) received a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's 2020 Offshore Workforce Training and Development Program to provide Massachusetts-based commercial fishermen with the financial assistance to obtain an Able Seafarer certificate and Master License. Classes are held online and in-person at NMI in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. To apply, complete the information below and contact Nina Groppo at the GFWDP at 978-282-4847.

To apply, please complete the following information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mobile Number _____ Email _____

Fishing Vessel _____ Homeport _____

Identification: Type (e.g. MA Driver's License): _____
Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number – Last 4 Digits Only: ____ _

These scholarships are restricted to Massachusetts-Based commercial fishermen. If you are not a resident of Massachusetts AND the boat is not homeported in Massachusetts, what ports in Massachusetts do you, or the vessel you work on, use and why (e.g. New Bedford to offload catch)? _____

Time Commitment Requirement

Each participant will be taking courses to obtain their Able Seaman certificate and 100-Ton Master License to work on vessels requiring Merchant Mariner Credentials. The following courses will be completed:

	Course Name	Time to Complete Online Content	Required On-Site Assessments
1.	Basic Safety Training Blended	3-5 days	2 days
2.	Proficiency in Survival Craft Blended	3-5 days	1 day
3.	Able Seafarer Deck Blended	10 days	1 day
4.	Master 100 GT, Near Coastal Blended (OUPV Course + 100 Upgrade)	10-14 days	1-2 days for review and exams
5.	FCC Element 1 License	1-3 days to review questions	1 hour for exam

*The courses are online and self-paced, but final assessments and in-person coursework will be scheduled at NMI: 32 Washington Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719. Given the high demand for participation in this program, we require all coursework and final exams be completed within one year from the official enrollment date. *Some exams may be completed online using the HALO Exams online examination platform.*

The Estimated Commitment is 27-37 days for online courses and around 5 days on-site.

Can you make this time commitment in a 1-year period? Yes No

Additional Qualifying Requirements

In addition to completing the classes above, the following are required to successfully obtain a Merchant Maritime Credential from the Coast Guard. The NMI will help fishermen complete the information needed in each form. Drug tests and Medical Physicals will be arranged by NMI. Grant funding is available to cover the cost of most filing fees and tests.

1. TWIC Card- <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic>
 - A. US Passport or 2 forms of government issued ID
 - B. Must be a US citizen, lawful permanent resident, naturalized citizen, or a nonimmigrant alien, asylee, or refugee who is in lawful status
2. USCG Application ([CG-719B](#))
3. Merchant Mariner's Oath (must be signed by a notary)
4. Medical Physical ([CG-719K](#))
5. Sea Time ([CG-719S](#))
 - A. What is sea time? <https://www.northeastmaritime.com/what-is-sea-time-and-how-to-get-it/>

- B. Different sea time requirements for different license levels
- 6. Drug Test ([CG-719P](#))
 - A. Must be able to pass a DOT drug panel
- 7. Disclosure Statement ([CG-719C](#)) if any legal trouble in the past
 - A. Trouble free for 3 years
 - B. If loss of driver's license, proof of reinstatement

Can you meet the citizenship or immigration status requirements for a TWIC card? Yes No

Do you understand that a drug test is required by the Coast Guard? Yes No

Additional Information

The answers to the following questions are anonymously reported to the MassCEC and do not affect your application:

Gender: Male Female Self-identified gender

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Are you Hispanic or Latino/a? Yes No

Are you a Returning Citizen (i.e. formerly incarcerated)? Yes No

Are you? (check all that apply)

- White
- Native American or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Other: please specify: _____