



Following are several options for completing the necessary physical for an application to receive a medical certificate from the U.S. Coast Guard, a requirement for anyone holding or seeking to hold a Merchant Mariner Credential. These facilities also perform the drug test required for the credential. Additional information about drug test options is listed below. New England Maritime is not affiliated with these organizations and does not endorse them in lieu of other options. You may choose to have a physical done with other medical practitioners - including your primary care physician - but be sure he or she is willing to fill out the related Coast Guard form and do so carefully and thoroughly. There is no guarantee that the outcome of a physical will lead to a successful application for the medical certification or the Merchant Mariner Credential by the U.S. Coast Guard, which retains final authority to issue the same.

[Cape Cod Occupational Medicine](#)

130 North Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
508-771-5770

South Shore Health Care
275 Turnpike Street
Canton, MA 02021
781-848-1950

Call to make an appointment and bring the following with you to the appointment:

- U.S. Coast Guard Application for Medical Certificate (Form CG-719K)
- U.S. Coast Guard USCG/DOT Periodic Drug Testing Form (Optional CG-719P)
- Government issued photo ID
- Medications: name, strength, and dose
- Eyeglasses if you wear them

Additional drug test sites: [US Drug Test Centers](#)

[Drug Test Requirements for a Merchant Mariner Credential](#)

Read the instructions for the application for medical certificate (Form CG-719K) and fill the forms out carefully and neatly where you can. Be sure to leave the sections that must be filled out by a medical practitioner for that person to complete. Per the instructions: ***"All exams, tests and demonstrations must be performed, witnessed or reviewed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner licensed by a state in the U.S., a U.S. possession, or a U.S. territory."***