

## **How to Apply for TWIC**

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.

### **Apply**

Complete the [online application \(www.tsa.gov/twic\)](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) or you can complete the entire process in person at an application center.

Schedule an [appointment online](#) or call [\(855\) 347-8371](tel:8553478371) weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments take priority.

Visit a TWIC application center to:

- Provide [required documentation](#), be fingerprinted and have photo taken. Bring your current U.S. passport or a driver's license and birth certificate. [See other acceptable documents](#).
- Pay a non-refundable fee valid for five years with a credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check.

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.

### **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:

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

## **IMPORTANT**

A TWIC card is required **prior** to being accepted into the commercial dive program.

**Start this process early.**