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Have you heard of the TWIC Card?

(The Transportation Worker Identification Credential Card)

Enrollment Centers in Portland and Bangor Maine are scheduled to be in operation sometime between now and this spring. This mandated ID card will cost you \$132.00 every five years. It will take two trips to the Enrollment Center of your choice to prove your identity, have an FBI background check done, get fingerprinted and photographed, provide your physical description and have your card activated...

You must have this card in your possession during inspections and boardings as well as when you are applying for license renewals and upgrades.



Excerpts from the TSA TWIC website:

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) is a vital security measure that will ensure individuals who pose a threat do not gain unescorted access to secure areas of the nation's maritime transportation system.

TWIC was established by Congress through the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and is administered by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Coast Guard. TWICs are tamper-resistant biometric credentials for workers who require unescorted access to secure areas of ports, vessels, outer continental shelf facilities and **all credentialed merchant mariners**. It is anticipated that more than 750,000 workers including longshoremen, truckers, port employees and others will be required to obtain a TWIC.

Enrollment and issuance began at the Port of Wilmington, Delaware October 16, 2007 and will continue through calendar year 2008. To obtain a TWIC, an individual must provide biographic and biometric information such as fingerprints, sit for a digital photograph and successfully pass a security threat assessment conducted by TSA.

Workers can avoid lines and save time during the process by pre-enrolling online (pre-enrollment will begin October 9, 2007). Here workers provide biographical information and make a reservation to complete the process in person at the port.

For More info to to: http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/index.shtm

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