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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel: Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Research Opportunities in Environmental Health Sciences (R21).

*Date:* February 26, 2024.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Environmental Health Science, 530 Davis Drive, Keystone Building, Durham, NC 27713.

*Contact Person:* Varsha Shukla, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research and Training, National Institute of Environmental Health Science, 530 Davis Drive, Keystone Building, Room 3094, Durham, NC 27713, 984-287-3288, [Varsha.shukla@nih.gov](mailto:Varsha.shukla@nih.gov).

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; Aging Trends and Caregiving.

*Date:* March 12, 2024.

*Time:* 2:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Dario Dieguez, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Aging, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Gateway Bldg., Suite 2W200, (301) 827-3101, [dario.dieguez@nih.gov](mailto:dario.dieguez@nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2024-0042]

#### New Merchant Mariner Credential

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the availability of a new style of Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) for review. The new style of MMC is replacing the current passport-style MMC. The new MMC will be implemented on March 1, 2024. Issuance of the passport-style MMC will be discontinued on the same date. Passport-style MMCs will remain valid through their expiration date. The Coast Guard has included an example of the new MMC in this docket for review. The Coast Guard will continue to produce mariner medical certificates in their current format.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about this

document, questions may be directed to Mr. Charles Bright, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing, telephone 202-372-1046, email [Charles.J.Bright@uscg.mil](mailto:Charles.J.Bright@uscg.mil), or to Mr. Brian Eichelberger, telephone 202-372-1450, email [Brian.T.Eichelberger@uscg.mil](mailto:Brian.T.Eichelberger@uscg.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Viewing Material in the Docket

To view documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to the Federal Decision-Making Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To do so, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2024-0042 in the search box and click "Search." Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Select "Supporting & Related Material" in the Document Type column.

The new credential may also be viewed on the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center website at [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/national\\_maritime\\_center/](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/national_maritime_center/).

#### Discussion

The Coast Guard is issuing this notice of an update to the format of the Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) by replacing the current passport-style MMC. The passport-style MMC was designed for the Coast Guard mariner credentialing program and is produced by the Coast Guard National Maritime Center (NMC) using specialty printers. These printers have been in use since 2015. They have reached the end of their lifecycles, and replacements are not readily available. The passport-style MMC requires printing on multiple pages to provide the requisite mariner information and endorsements. As noted, printing capabilities for the current passport-style MMC have diminished and, at times, creates production delays and backlogs in issuing MMCs to mariners.

To avoid future printing delays and production backlogs, the Coast Guard will implement a new MMC format and printing process. The new MMC is a single, two-sided page produced on synthetic paper with embedded security features. It is printed using readily available commercial printers. The paper is also tear and water resistant. A sample of the new credential is provided in this docket as described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** portion of this notice. A document providing a more detailed overview of the individual sections and features of the new credential is also included in the docket.