

This is from the NMC website on Drug Testing

Overview of Drug Testing Requirements

A drug test is required for all transactions EXCEPT increases of scope, duplicates, and International Endorsements (STCW). In order to meet drug testing requirements, you must choose and provide one of the below options.

Option One: Provide the results of an approved drug test. This option requires you to provide the results of an approved drug test. This test MUST be the following:

Conducted within the past 185 days (from the date of application)

Sent to a laboratory accredited by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)

A DOT 5 Panel testing for Marijuana, Cocaine, Opiates, Phencyclidine, and Amphetamines

Signed by a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO) approved through AAMRO or MROCC

A negative result (if the results is a Negative Dilute) it will NOT be accepted.

You are not required to use the CG-719P Periodic Drug Testing Form. However, it is useful in ensuring that all information needed is provided. We will also accept letters or a Federal Chain of Custody form as long as all information above is provided.

Option Two: Provide a letter attesting to participation in random drug testing programs. This option requires you to provide a letter attesting to participation in random drug testing programs.

The letter must be the following:

Provided on marine employer stationary OR for Active Duty Military, on command letterhead

Written to include the following verbiage:

From Marine Employers: APPLICANT'S NAME / SSN has been subject to a random testing program meeting the criteria of Title 46 CFR 16.230 for at least 60 days during the previous 185 days and has not failed nor refused to participate in a chemical test for dangerous drugs.

Active Duty Military/Military Sealift Command/N.O.A.A./ Army Corps of Engineers: APPLICANT'S NAME / SSN has been subject to a random testing program and has never refused to participate in or failed a chemical drug test for dangerous drugs.

Signed by the appropriate personnel

We will accept letters from valid consortiums to meet this requirement. We will NOT accept drug testing letters from a Union attesting to participation in a random drug testing program.

Option Three: Provide a letter attesting to pre-employment drug testing. This option requires you to provide a letter attesting to pre-employment drug testing.

The letter must be the following:

Dated within the past 185 days (from the date of application)

Provided on marine employer stationary

Written to include the following verbiage:
APPLICANT'S NAME / SSN passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs, required under Title 46 CFR 16.210 within the previous six months of the date of this letter with no subsequent positive drug test results during the remainder of the six month period.
Signed by a company official

Code of Federal Regulations Specific to Drug Testing

- **46 CFR 10** Merchant Mariner Credential
- **46 CFR 16** Chemical Testing
- **46 CFR 4.06** Serious Marine Incidents Involving Vessels in Commercial Service
- **49 CFR Part 40** Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs
- **33 CFR 95** Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Dangerous Drug