



That's right – if you access a port as part of your job, chances are you will need a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), a biometric “smart” card that makes sure only trusted people have access to secure areas of the port.

Keep on Truckin' Apply for Your TWIC™ Today

Who: Individuals who need unescorted access to secure areas of Maritime Transportation Security Act-regulated ports and vessels will need a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); it's the law.

How: It's an easy process:

- Step One is simply visiting www.tsa.gov/twic to use our easy online pre-enrollment and schedule an appointment, or calling 1-866-DHS-TWIC to do this over the phone. You may also just walk in to the nearest enrollment center.
- Step Two is when you'll visit your local enrollment center in person, producing your identification documents, getting photographed, and submitting your fingerprints. Your application is then encrypted and securely sent to the government for a background check.
- Step Three – you'll be notified by e-mail or phone (whatever your preference) that your card is ready. You can make an appointment online or via phone or stop by the enrollment center where you originally applied. There, your identity will be verified and your card will be activated.

Please note that while walk-ins are welcome, scheduling an appointment will reduce your time spent waiting at the TWIC center.

When: You'll need your TWIC soon. The U.S. Coast Guard will begin enforcing the use of TWIC as early as October for certain ports, and will continue to phase in compliance nationwide through April of next year; check out www.tsa.gov/twic and click on “When Do I Need My TWIC?” to see when you'll need yours.

Cost: A TWIC costs \$132.50 and is good for five years. Truckers with a valid Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) issued after May 31, 2005 or a valid Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card pay a reduced fee of \$105.25.

Find out more information: Visit www.tsa.gov/twic or call 1-866-DHS-TWIC for frequently asked questions, to pre-enroll, make an appointment for activation and enrollment, find a convenient enrollment center, learn which ports are scheduled for compliance, etc.

If you would like someone to discuss TWIC at your regional trucking meeting, please send an e-mail to credentialing@dhs.gov.

