



PORT PANAMA CITY TWIC CARD

- TWIC stands for Transportation Worker Identification Credential. Your TWIC is an identification credential featuring your fingerprints. Your TWIC card acts as both your identification in secure areas, as well as an indicator of you having passed the necessary security clearance. TWIC cards are valid for five years. The issuance of TWIC cards is overseen by the Transportation Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security.

History

- TWIC cards were made mandatory for certain individuals upon the passing of the Maritime Transportation Security Act in 2002. The Maritime Transportation Security Act was passed to increase the security of the United State's ports. The bill was made law in November of 2002.

Purpose

- The main purpose of the TWIC card is to identify its holder to officials, such as members of the Coast Guard. The cards offer both visual identification, in the form of a picture, and biometric identification, in the form of fingerprints. The TWIC card may also be used as an electronic keycard.

Who Needs One

- You will be informed by your current or prospective employer if you need a TWIC card. But if you are a merchant marine or an employee at a port facility, you will probably need one. If you are a truck driver or a longshore worker, you may need one. The necessity of a TWIC card will be determined by the specifics of your job.

Eligibility requirements

- To be eligible for a TWIC card, you must either be a U.S. citizen or fall into certain immigration categories, which are outlined at tsa.gov/assets/pdf/twic_ref_guide_for_immigration_catags.pdf. You must not have any terrorist links, nor have committed one of several serious crimes, including espionage, murder, bribery, smuggling, kidnapping, rape, assault with the intent to kill, or a number of other crimes listed at the tsa.gov site. You must also not suffer from diminished mental capacity.

How to Apply

- You must complete the in-person enrollment process at a Universal Enrollment Services (UES) [enrollment center location](#) servicing the TWIC program. You will be required to provide biographic information, required identity/immigration documentation, payment, and submit fingerprints during your in-person enrollment. You may either walk into an enrollment center servicing the TWIC program or schedule an appointment. You may make an appointment online via this website or by contacting the UES Call Center at 855-DHS-UES1 (855-347-8371) Monday through Friday from 8 AM-10 PM (Eastern). If pre-enrollment is available for the program to which you are applying, you may make an appointment online during the pre-enrollment process.
www.tsa.gov/twic

Read more: http://www.ehow.com/info_12203217_definition-twic-card.html#ixzz2qUYQgez2