



# TWIC is Coming!

(Transportation Worker Identification Credential)

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TWIC Enrollment at the Port of Long Beach will Begin December 12, 2007

## What is TWIC?

TWIC is a common identification credential for all personnel requiring unescorted access to secure areas of MTSA-regulated facilities and vessels, and all mariners holding Coast Guard-issued credentials. TSA will issue workers a tamper-resistant "Smart Card" containing the worker's biometric (fingerprint template) to allow for a positive link between the card itself and the individual.

## What can disqualify me from getting a TWIC?

**-Criminal:** An individual is wanted for any crime, under indictment for one of the disqualifying offenses, or has been convicted or incarcerated for those disqualifying felonies within prescribed time periods.

**-Immigration:** An individual does not meet the immigration status requirements

**-Security Threat:** An individual is identified as having a connection to terrorist activity.

If an applicant does not meet the qualification standards, then they have the opportunity to participate in the TWIC appeal and waiver process. See [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) for more information.

## What are the Permanent Disqualifying Offenses?

1. Espionage or conspiracy to commit espionage
  2. Sedition or conspiracy to commit sedition
  3. Treason or conspiracy to commit treason
  4. A federal crime of terrorism (18 U.S.C. 2332(g)) or comparable State law
  5. A crime involving a TSI (transportation security incident). Note: A transportation security incident is a security incident resulting in a significant loss of life, environmental damage, transportation system disruption, or economic disruption in a particular area. The term "economic disruption" does not include a work stoppage or other employee-related action not related to terrorism and resulting from an employer-employee dispute.
  6. Improper transportation of a hazardous material under 49 U.S.C. 5124 or a comparable state law
  7. Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, manufacture, purchase...or dealing in an explosive or explosive device
  8. Murder
  9. Threat or maliciously conveying false information knowing the same to be false, concerning the deliverance, placement, or detonation of an explosive or other lethal device in or against a place of public use, a state or government facility, a public transportation system, or an infrastructure facility
  10. Certain RICO (Racketeer influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act violations where one of the predicate acts consists of one of the permanently disqualifying crimes
- Attempt to commit the crimes in items (1)-(4)
  - Conspiracy or attempt to commit the crimes in items (5)-(10)
  - Convictions for (1)-(4) are not eligible for a waiver.

## What are the Interim Disqualifying Offenses?

Conviction within 7 years, or release from incarceration within 5 years of application, and indictments or wants/warrants associated with the crimes listed below until released:

- Unlawful possession, use, sale, manufacture, purchase, distribution...or dealing in a firearm or other weapon
- Extortion
- Dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud and money laundering (except welfare fraud and passing bad checks)
- Bribery
- Smuggling
- Immigration violations
- Distribution, possession w/ intent to distribute, or importation of a controlled substance
- Arson
- Kidnapping or hostage taking
- Rape or aggravated sexual abuse
- Assault with intent to kill
- Robbery
- Fraudulent entry into a seaport
- Lesser violations of the RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act
- Conspiracy or attempt to commit crimes listed on this page