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**NOTICE**

**THE MPA OFFICE OF SECURITY RECOMMENDS THAT APPLICATIONS FOR A  
NEWTRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL (TWIC) BE SUBMITTED 60  
DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE.**

**ONLY THOSE POSSESSING A CURRENT TWIC WILL BE ALLOWED TERMINAL ACCESS-NO  
EXCEPTIONS.**

**MPA OFFICE OF SECURITY**

**Date: March 28, 2016**

**From: Maryland Department of Transportation - Port Administration**

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## **APPLYING FOR/RENEWAL OF A TWIC**

Following the horrific events of September 11, 2001 President Bush created the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and subsequently the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). A short time thereafter the TSA developed the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) for maritime access control.

Over the past 24 months the initial issuance or renewal of TWICs has taken between approximately two and 12 weeks; this fluctuation continues. It is therefore recommended that applications or renewals for a TWIC be submitted to the TSA a minimum of **60 days** prior to a TWIC expiration. A failure to do so may lead to the inability to access a terminal of the Maryland Port Administration.

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