

Drug Testing - Option 1 - This option requires you to provide the results of an approved drug test

This test **MUST** meet the following for acceptance:

- 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 - (MDMA) added by regulation
- Signed by a certified **Medical Review Officer (MRO)** approved through [AAMRO](#) or [MROCC](#)
- A negative result (if the result 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.

FAQs

1. Where can I locate a Collection Site for this type of test near me?

ANS: You may use the following link to search for a collection site nearest your home address. Search for 5-panel DOT/CG collection sites: <https://www.foleyservices.com/collection-site-locator/>

2. What do I need to bring with me?

ANS: Bring a valid State or Federal ID with you. You **DO NOT** need to bring any forms with you. The Collection Site SHOULD have a Federal Control Form (AKA - Chain of Custody). This is the form used to record the test with your information. A COPY is provided to you at the time of the test, called a “Donor Copy” - the rest of the form goes with the specimen to be analyzed at one of the **SAMSHA Approved Labs** - as noted above.

3. The person checking me in is asking me for the paperwork from a company?

ANS: Tell them you are requesting this yourself as part of the requirement for applying for a USCG merchant mariner credential and you are paying for this test and the results will be provided to you, NOT an employer. IF the collection site is set up for it, they should have “generic” CFC forms to use for this.

4. How long does it normally take to get the results back?

ANS: Usually 3-5 days is the normal turnaround time to have the results sent back to the Collection site.

5. Where does the specimen go and where do the results go?

ANS: The DOT 5-panel testing process takes multiple steps to complete - Collect the Specimen; Ship to SMASHA lab; Lab report sent to MRO; MRO verifies the results; MRO sends a report back to the Collection Site; Collection Site provides MRO report to you.

6. What do I do with the results?

ANS: The **MRO report** will be submitted with the rest of your application package to the NMC for review. You may email them back to your Third Party to submit. This report is required as part of the items needed for the USCG to log in your application.

NOTE: THE MRO REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF THE SAMSHA APPROVED LAB OR THE NMC WILL NOT ACCEPT IT.