

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD	Towing Vessels – Title 46 CFR Subchapter M	OMB No. 1625-0117 Exp: 06/30/2019
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Who must comply?	Owners and operators of certain towing vessels and associated company personnel. Auditors and surveyors of the safety management systems of towing companies and towing vessels.
What is this collection about?	The Coast Guard would use the proposed information collection to document that towing vessels meet inspection requirements of 46 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter M. The information is needed for the proper administration and enforcement of the proposed towing vessel inspection program. The respondents are the owners and operators of towing vessels, third-party auditors and surveyors that would be required to complete various forms, reports and keep reports.
Where do I find the requirements for this information?	Title 46 CFR, is available at— https://www.eCFR.gov , select TITLE 46 – SHIPPING, and select the range of parts from 136 through 144. This will take you to subchapter M – Towing Vessels.
When must information be submitted to the Coast Guard?	Owners and operators of towing vessels must submit information when obtaining a certificate of inspection (COI) and every five year renewal. Auditors and surveyors must submit information when receiving accreditation from the Coast Guard.
How is the information submitted?	The information is submitted by email, mail or fax with the application for a COI by owners and operators of towing vessels or application to become a certified auditor or surveyor.
What happens when complete information is received?	The Coast Guard will review the information and respond via writing.
For additional information, contact--	<p>The Coast Guard—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For auditor, surveyor, Towing Safety Management Systems (TSMS) and inspection requirements questions, please contact: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Commandant (CG-CVC) U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7501 Attn: Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20593-7501 202-372-1251 CGCVC@uscg.mil</p> For certificate of inspection (COI) questions, please contact your local Coast Guard Sector Office. Those offices, as part of a comprehensive list of Coast Guard units, can be found at https://www.uscg.mil/Units/Organization/.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

The Coast Guard estimates that the average burden per response for this report varies per information collection—about 5-15 minutes to record drills and training; 1 hour for TSMS Certificates; and up to 16 hours for a third party auditor submissions. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Commandant (CG-CVC), U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20593-7501 or Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1625-0117), Washington, DC 20503.