



GETTING YOUR CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD

CHECKLIST

STEP ONE: COMPLETE AN APPROVED SAFETY COURSE

- [Get an Application ID](#) through the official California Boater Card website. During the application process, when you reach the "Proof of education" section, select "I have not taken Boating Safety education at this time."
- Use your Application ID to [register for the Drive A Boat USA boating safety course](#).
- Take the NASBLA-approved boater safety course in a few hours, 100% online.

STEP TWO: TAKE THE TEST

- Score at least 80% to pass. Don't worry, it's an open-book test.
- If you don't pass, you can review tricky topics on the [Drive A Boat USA blog](#) or repeat the course.
- Take the test again until you pass. You have as many free retries as you need.

STEP THREE: APPLY FOR YOUR CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD

- Make sure you have your Certificate of Completion from Drive A Boat USA.
- Go back to the [California Boater Card website](#), the same site you used to get your Application ID.
- Use your Application ID to log into your account.
- Navigate to the *Proof of Education* section of your application.
- Upload your Certificate of Completion.
- If you haven't already paid the \$10 fee, you'll need to do so at this point.
- Submit your updated application.
- Receive your temporary boater card by email, which you can use immediately.
- Wait for your official card: Your permanent California Boater Card will be mailed to you and should arrive within 60 days.