TSA PreCheck™ for TWIC® and HME | FAQs

Qualifying Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC®) and Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) holders are now eligible for TSA PreCheck™ at no cost and no extra enrollment. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has identified efficiencies across vetting programs, eliminating redundancies, and reducing the administrative and cost burdens to applicants for vetting and credentialing.

The TWIC® and HME Threat Assessment Programs are regulated vetting programs that require TSA to conduct a security threat assessment to determine if an individual requiring specific transportation-related access poses a threat to national or transportation security. Given the similarity to the threat assessment performed on TSA PreCheck members, many TWIC® and HME applicants meet the criteria for the TSA PreCheck Application Program and may be eligible for expedited security screening.

In addition to having a valid Security Threat Assessments (STA), the credential holder must meet citizenship/residency requirements, and the credential (TWIC® or HME) must have been approved without a waiver. TWIC® cardholders must use an active TWIC® Credential Identification Number (CIN) that has not been canceled. HME holders must use the two-letter State abbreviation followed by the Commercial Driver's License number.

TSA will notify eligible TWIC® and HME holders via the TSA public website; stakeholder events; TWIC® mailing documents; customer service representatives; and Federal, State, and local partners. TSA developed the following FAQs to initiate outreach to eligible transportation workers.

Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC®) Program

Q: Does my TWIC® enrollment include access to TSA PreCheck™?
A: If you have an active (unexpired) TWIC® card and meet the eligibility requirements for the TSA PreCheck Application Program, you are eligible for expedited security screening using your TWIC® card's CIN in the appropriate known traveler number (KTN) field of your airline reservations and airline profiles.

Q: Are all TWIC® cardholders eligible for TSA PreCheck™?
A: No. Only active TWIC® cardholders who meet the TSA PreCheck Application Program's eligibility requirements may obtain TSA PreCheck.

Eligibility for TSA PreCheck Application Program membership is only open to U.S. Citizens, U.S. nationals, and lawful permanent residents.

Active TWIC® cardholders who obtained a TWIC® via a waiver from TSA are not eligible for TSA PreCheck.

Q: Do I need to apply for TSA PreCheck™ separate from my TWIC® enrollment?
A: No. Active TWIC® cardholders who meet the TSA PreCheck Application Program's eligibility requirements will be eligible for TSA PreCheck without a separate enrollment in the TSA PreCheck Application Program.

Q: How much does it cost to add TSA PreCheck™ eligibility to my TWIC® enrollment?
A: There is no additional cost to eligible TWIC® cardholders for TSA PreCheck. Where eligible, TSA PreCheck expedited screening is included with the TWIC® enrollment.

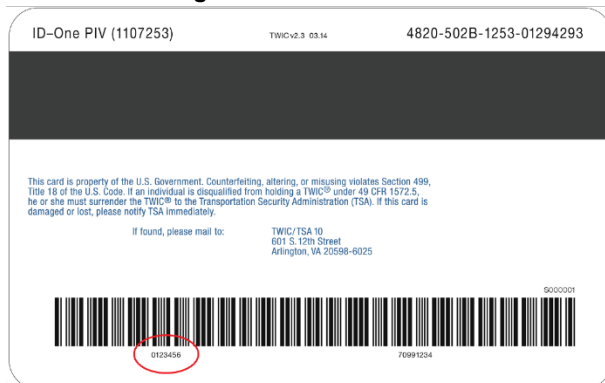**Q: Will I receive a known traveler number (KTN)?**
A: No. The TWIC® CIN will serve as the KTN. Active TWIC® cardholders will not receive a separate KTN from TSA. TWIC® cardholders eligible for TSA PreCheck must include the CIN printed on their TWIC® card in the Known Traveler Number (KTN) field of each reservation made with a participating airline or in airline profiles.

You should also add the TWIC® CIN as your KTN when booking reservations online via a participating airline website, by phone with an airline reservation agent, or with the travel management company making reservations. Your CIN serves as your KTN, so save your TWIC® CIN to any frequent flyer profiles, employer booking systems, or online travel websites that you use. Ensure that your name and date of birth on your flight reservation and airline profiles matches your name and date of birth provided when you applied for your TWIC®.

Q: Where can I find the Credential Identification Number (CIN) on my TWIC®?
A: The CIN is printed on the back lower left-hand corner of the TWIC® card. (See image below with CIN location circled.) Also, the CIN is also printed on the lower left-hand corner of the card mailing that you received with your TWIC® card.

Image of TWIC® Card Back

Q: Can I look up my TWIC® CIN online?
A: No. The CIN is printed on the back lower left-hand corner of the TWIC® card.

Q: When will TWIC® cardholders become eligible for TSA PreCheck™ expedited screening?
A: On April 15, 2020, active TWIC® cardholders who are eligible for TSA PreCheck began receiving this eligibility for expedited screening. *(Note: Due to priorities associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) National Emergency, TSA postponed marketing for this new capability until June 2020.)*

Q: How will I know that I have TSA PreCheck™?
A: Participating airlines print a TSA PreCheck indicator directly on your boarding pass if you are eligible for TSA PreCheck on that flight based on your submitted CIN as your KTN. If you do not have a valid boarding pass with the TSA PreCheck indicator printed on your boarding pass, you may not access the TSA PreCheck lane.

Q: Can I use my TWIC® card to enter the TSA PreCheck™ lane at the airport?
A: To enter the TSA PreCheck lane, you must present a valid boarding pass with a TSA PreCheck indicator printed on the boarding pass. If you do not have a valid boarding pass with the TSA PreCheck indicator printed on your boarding pass, you may not access the TSA PreCheck lane. Your TWIC® can continue to serve as valid checkpoint identification.

Q: Will a TSA PreCheck™ indicator be printed on my TWIC® card?
A: No. A TSA PreCheck indicator will be printed on your boarding pass if you are eligible for TSA PreCheck on your flight.

Q: Does the name and date of birth on my airline reservation have to match the name on my TWIC® card?
A: Yes. The name and date of birth submitted on your airline reservation must be an exact match to the name and date of birth printed on your TWIC® card. If you use a frequent flyer account or online travel profile, ensure that your name is properly saved.

Q: I am both a TSA PreCheck™ Application Program member and active TWIC® cardholder. Should I use my KTN or TWIC® CIN for my airline reservation?
A: Both your KTN and TWIC® CIN are valid to obtain TSA PreCheck eligibility. You may enter either the TSA PreCheck KTN or CIN into your airline reservation.

Q: Where can I find more information on TSA PreCheck™?
A: Please visit https://www.tsa.gov/precheck for more information on TSA PreCheck.

Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) Threat Assessment Program

Q: Does my HME enrollment include access to TSA PreCheck™?
A: If you have an active HME security threat assessment, and meet the eligibility requirements for the TSA PreCheck Application Program, you are eligible for expedited security screening using the two-letter state abbreviation for the state that issued your Commercial Driver's License (CDL) followed by your CDL identification number (e.g., NY123456 for a State of New York CDL) in the appropriate Known Traveler Number (KTN) field of your airline reservations and airline profiles.

Q: Are all HME holders eligible for TSA PreCheck™?
A: No. Only CDL holders with an active HME security threat assessment who meet the TSA PreCheck Application Program's eligibility requirements may obtain TSA PreCheck.

Eligibility for TSA PreCheck Application Program membership is only open to U.S. Citizens, U.S. nationals, and lawful permanent residents. Active HME holders who obtained an HME via a waiver from TSA are not eligible for TSA PreCheck.

Q: Do I need to apply for TSA PreCheck™ separate from my HME enrollment?
A: No. Active HME holders who meet the TSA PreCheck Application Program's eligibility requirements will be eligible for TSA PreCheck without a separate enrollment in the TSA PreCheck Application Program.

Q: How much does it cost to add TSA PreCheck™ eligibility to my HME enrollment?
A: There is no additional cost to eligible HME holders for TSA PreCheck. Where eligible, TSA PreCheck expedited screening is included with the HME enrollment.

Q: Will I receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN)?
A: No. Your two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL identification number serve as your KTN. Active HME holders will not receive a separate KTN from TSA. HME holders eligible for TSA PreCheck must include their two-letter State abbreviation followed by the state-issued CDL number printed on their state-issued CDL in the Known Traveler Number field of each reservation made with a participating airline or in airline profiles.

You should also add the two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL identification number as your KTN when booking reservations online via a participating airline website, by phone with an airline reservation agent, or with the travel management company making reservations. Your two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL identification number serve as your KTN, so save it to any frequent flyer profiles, employer booking systems, or online travel websites that you use. Ensure that your name and date of birth on your flight reservation and airline profiles matches your name and date of birth provided when you applied for your HME.

Q: When will HME holders become eligible for TSA PreCheck™ expedited screening?

A: On April 15, 2020, active HME holders who are eligible for TSA PreCheck began receiving this eligibility for expedited screening. *(Note: Due to priorities associated with the COVID-19 National Emergency, TSA postponed marketing for this new capability until June 2020.)*

Q: How will I know that I have TSA PreCheck™?
A: Take the first step. When booking a reservation, supply your two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL number as your KTN. Participating airlines print a TSA PreCheck indicator directly on your boarding pass if you are eligible for TSA PreCheck on that flight based on your submitted State abbreviation and CDL number as your KTN. If you do not have a valid boarding pass with the TSA PreCheck indicator printed on your boarding pass, you may not access the TSA PreCheck lane.

Q: Can I use my State-issued CDL with HME to enter the TSA PreCheck™ lane at the airport?
A: To enter the TSA PreCheck lane, you must present a valid boarding pass with a TSA PreCheck indicator printed on the boarding pass. If you do not have a valid boarding pass with the TSA PreCheck indicator printed on your boarding pass, you may not access the TSA PreCheck lane. Your State-issued CDL with HME can continue to serve as valid identification at the checkpoint. *(Note: Beginning October 1, 2021, a State-issued CDL must be a REAL ID to serve as valid identification. Please visit https://www.dhs.gov/real-id for more information.)*

Q: I am both a TSA PreCheck™ Application Program member and active HME holder. Should I use my KTN or State Abbreviation + CDL Number for my airline reservation?
A: Both your KTN and State Abbreviation + CDL Number are valid to obtain TSA PreCheck eligibility. You may enter either the TSA PreCheck KTN or State Abbreviation + CDL Number into your airline reservation.

Q: Where can I find more information on TSA PreCheck™?
A: Please visit https://www.tsa.gov/precheck.

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