



Welcome to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
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This is a non-official handout prepared by Charlene Dykman. It is my opinion and experience only so take it for what it's worth.

1. How long till I get my ID number? 2 months or a bit longer seems to be the time frame.
2. What can I do till then? We will try to get someone to escort you to the Coast Guard Exchange to purchase your uniform. The ODU is the most used, followed by the Tropical Blue, known as "Trops"
3. You can sign up and order accessories i.e. Name tags, ODU ball caps, name tapes etc. at:
4. www.auxcen.com
5. www.vanguardmil.com
6. Recommendation only but try to use the same email you signed up with. Simplicity is a wonderful thing.
7. You can access any non-member pages in the auxiliary website. Lots of great information and the ability to download the Auxiliary manual, the first of many manuals you will need.

It is a Looooong document. Save it to a PDF reader. <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

You will then be able to search it later which helps with testing. Most exams in the Auxiliary are open book and it helps to be able to search for "key words". Again, keep it simple.

8. While you wait for your member ID, sign up for ICS courses. These are administered by FEMA, you will sign up and get a FEMA ID. No need for your Auxiliary number.
9. <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
10. You want to start working on FEMA courses ICS 100, ICS 700 then ICS 200 and ICS 800. You can do these while waiting on your Coast Guard Auxiliary ID number.
11. You need to get your Safe Boating Class done. It is required for everyone in the Auxiliary.
<http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/> Input your zip code and look for the next class near you. As an Auxiliarist it is free to you. Send a copy of your certificate to bunting.uscgaux@gmail.com

12. You can attend all Flotilla meetings and training without your uniform. I encourage you to do so as it helps to be involved. Once you obtain a full uniform, you can participate in Public Education Events, i.e. information booths.
13. Frustration at the pace of events, i.e. getting your ID number, is natural. Please stay the course, as the rewards of being an Auxiliarist are awesome. If you need to anyone of us are available to talk to.
14. Once you get your ID number, the classes begin. It may seem daunting, but everyone has done this. And the knowledge gained is so useful not just in the Auxiliary but in life.
15. You are a volunteer in the greatest organization in the world. You can participate as much or as little as you desire. You are putting your skills to use to support the United States Coast Guard.

You are team United States Coast Guard
Semper Paratus