

United States Coast Guard

Direct Access Multi-Factor Authentication User Guide

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1. Signing In

1. In the Employee ID field, type in employee ID.
2. In the Password field, type in password.
3. Click **Sign in**.

Non-CAC Personnel Enter EMPLID

Employee ID

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Sign in

4. Read the Direct Access - DHS Security Notice. Ensure **I Accept** is selected in the drop-down menu.

User Details

----- Direct Access - DHS Security Notice -----
You are accessing a U.S. Government (USG) Information System (IS) that is provided for USG-authorized use only. By using this IS (which includes any device attached to this IS), you consent to the following conditions: The USG routinely intercepts and monitors communications on this IS for purposes including, but not limited to, penetration testing, COMSEC monitoring, network operations and defense, personnel misconduct (PM), law enforcement (LE), and counterintelligence (CI) investigations. At any time, the USG may inspect and seize data stored on this IS. Communications using, or data stored on, this IS are not private, are subject to routine monitoring, interception, and search, and may be disclosed or used for any USG-authorized purpose. This IS includes security measures (e.g., authentication and access controls) to protect USG interests--not for your personal benefit or privacy. Notwithstanding the above, using this IS does not constitute consent to PM, LE or CI investigative searching or monitoring of the content of privileged communications, or work product, related to personal representation or services by attorneys, psychotherapists, or clergy, and their assistants. Such communications and work product are private and confidential. See User Agreement for details.

I Accept

Continue

5. Click **Continue**.

2. Multi-Factor Authentication Methods

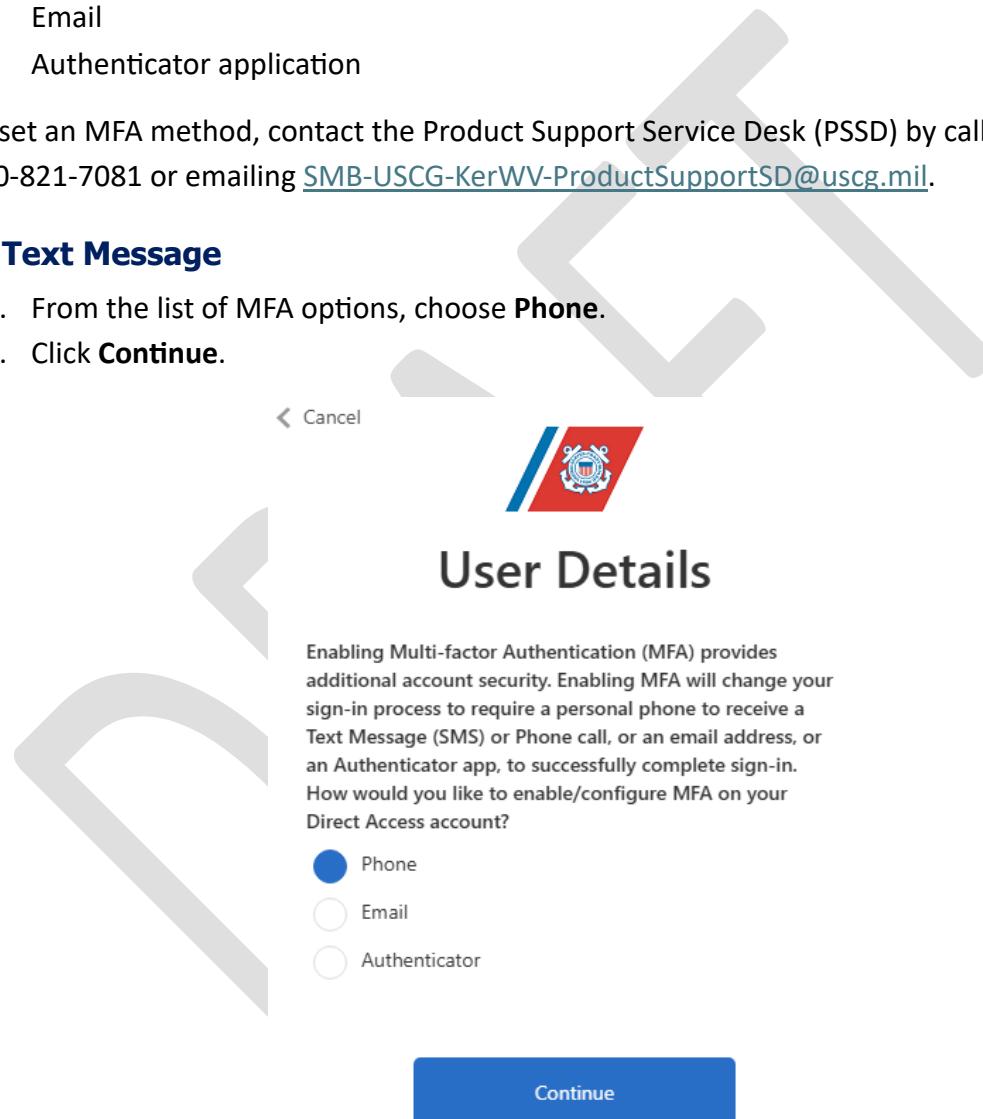
The options for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) methods are as follows:

- Text message
- Phone call
- Email
- Authenticator application

To reset an MFA method, contact the Product Support Service Desk (PSSD) by calling 1-800-821-7081 or emailing SMB-USCG-KerWV-ProductSupportSD@uscg.mil.

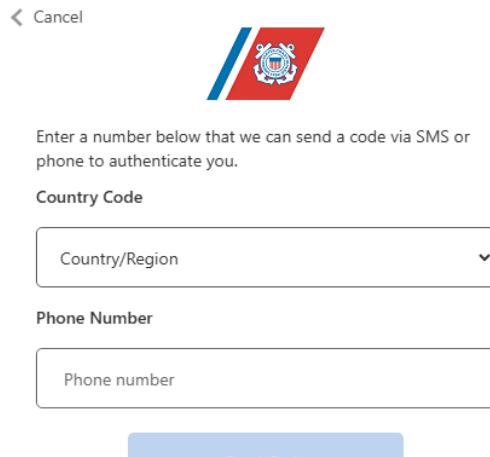
2.1 Text Message

1. From the list of MFA options, choose **Phone**.
2. Click **Continue**.



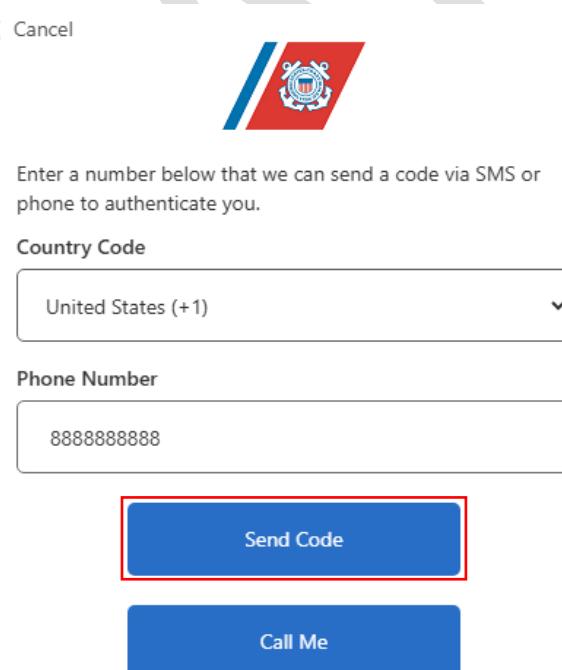
3. From the Country Code drop-down menu, select the appropriate country.

4. In the Phone Number field, type the phone number.



A screenshot of a mobile application interface for two-factor authentication. At the top left is a 'Cancel' button with a back arrow. In the top right is a logo consisting of a blue and red shield with a white emblem. Below the logo is a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter a number below that we can send a code via SMS or phone to authenticate you.' Below the input field is a 'Country Code' section with a dropdown menu labeled 'Country/Region'. Below that is a 'Phone Number' section with a text input field containing 'Phone number'. At the bottom are two buttons: a blue 'Send Code' button and a blue 'Call Me' button.

5. Click **Send Code**.



A screenshot of the same mobile application interface as step 4. The 'Send Code' button is highlighted with a red rectangular border. The other elements (Cancel button, logo, country code dropdown, phone number input, and 'Call Me' button) are visible but not highlighted.

6. Type the verification code in the box, or if the code has expired or was not received, click **send a new code**. Click **Verify Code**.

Enter your verification code below, or [send a new code](#)

Verify Code

2.2 Phone Call

1. From the list of MFA options, choose **Phone**.
2. Click **Continue**.

Cancel



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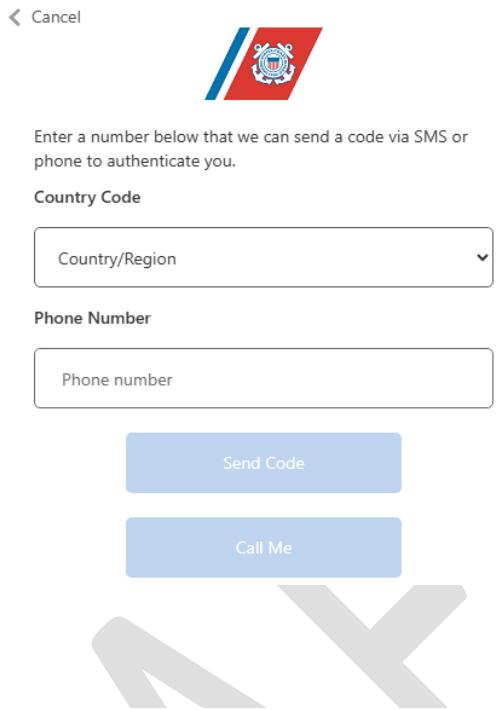
Enabling Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) provides additional account security. Enabling MFA will change your sign-in process to require a personal phone to receive a Text Message (SMS) or Phone call, or an email address, or an Authenticator app, to successfully complete sign-in. How would you like to enable/configure MFA on your Direct Access account?

- Phone
- Email
- Authenticator

Continue

3. From the Country Code drop-down menu, select the appropriate country.

4. In the Phone Number field, type the phone number.



Cancel

Enter a number below that we can send a code via SMS or phone to authenticate you.

Country Code

Country/Region

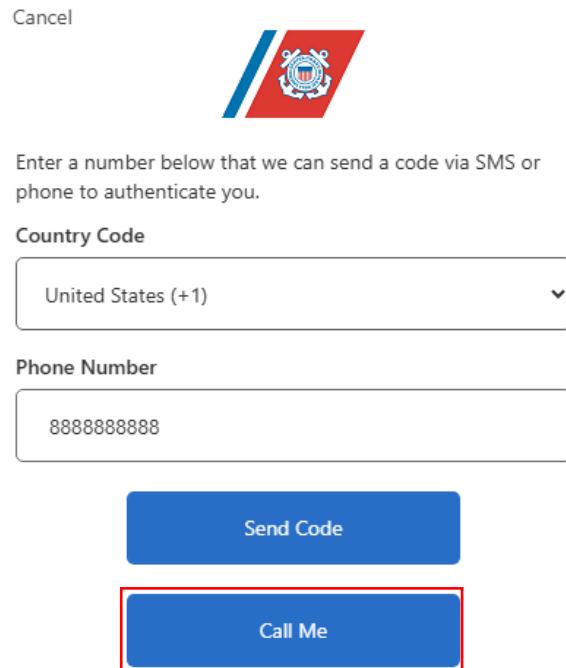
Phone Number

Phone number

Send Code

Call Me

5. Click **Call Me**.



Cancel

Enter a number below that we can send a code via SMS or phone to authenticate you.

Country Code

United States (+1)

Phone Number

8888888888

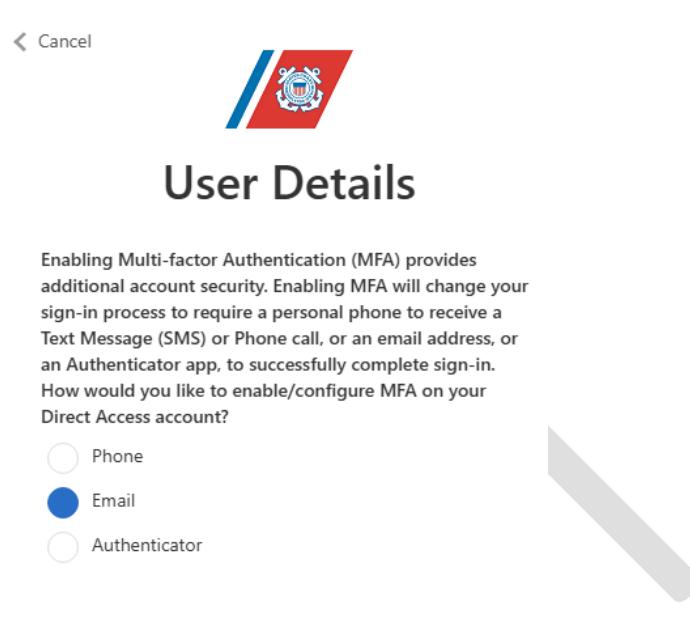
Send Code

Call Me

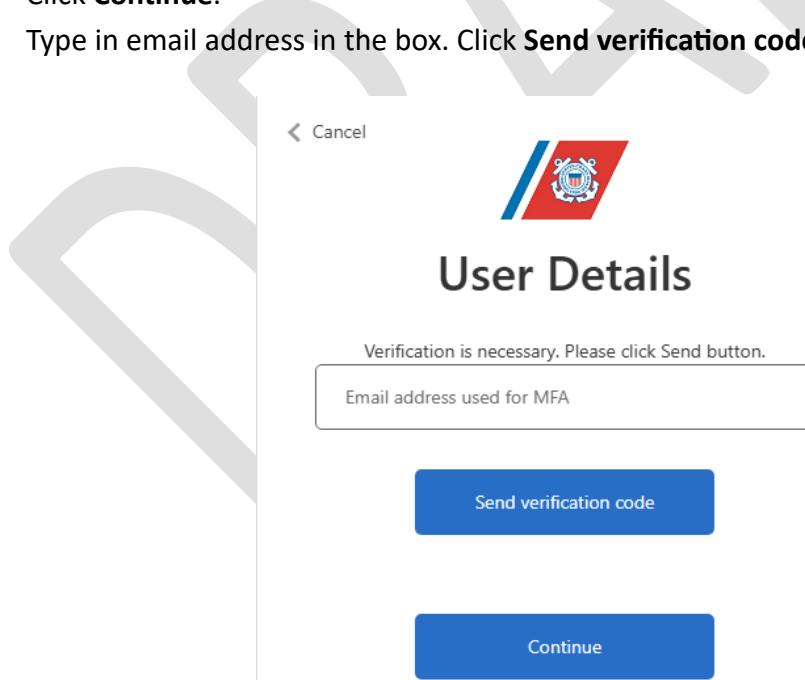
6. Follow the voice instructions and press the # key on the phone to sign in.

2.3 Email

1. From the list of MFA options, choose **Email**.

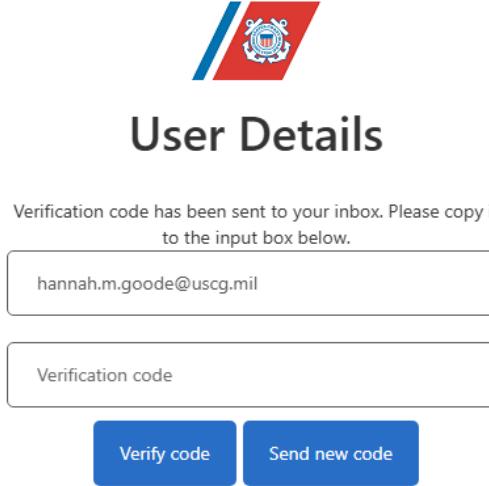


2. Click **Continue**.
3. Type in email address in the box. Click **Send verification code**.



4. Type the verification code that was sent to the email, or if the code has expired or was not received, click **Send new code**.

Cancel



User Details

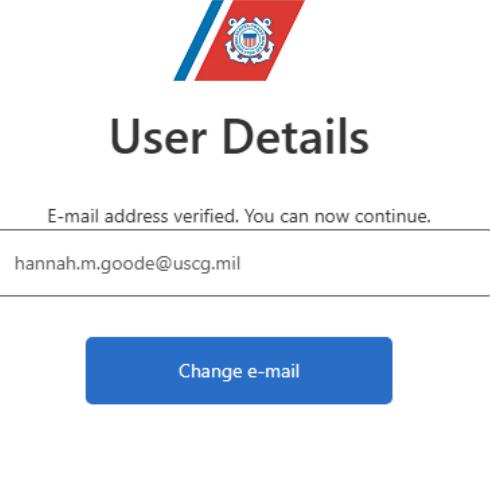
Verification code has been sent to your inbox. Please copy it to the input box below.

Verify code **Send new code**

Continue

5. Click **Verify code**.
6. Click **Continue**.

Cancel



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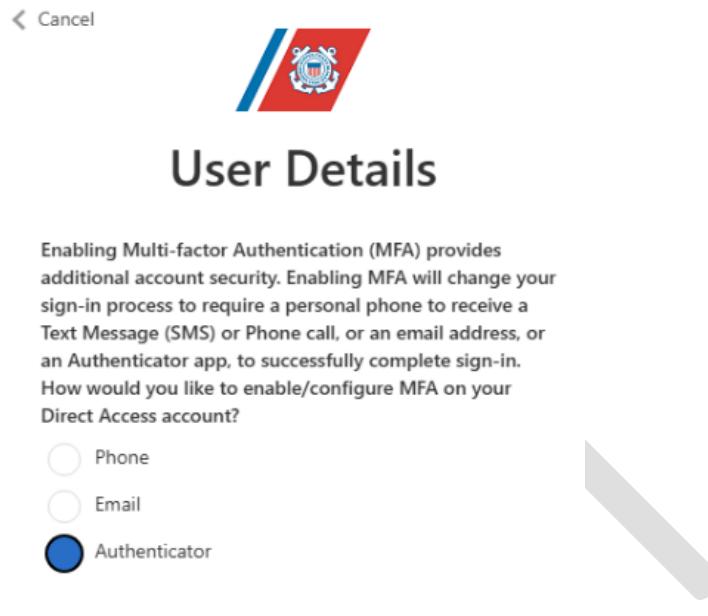
E-mail address verified. You can now continue.

Change e-mail

Continue

2.4 Authenticator Application

- From the list of MFA options, select **Authenticator**.



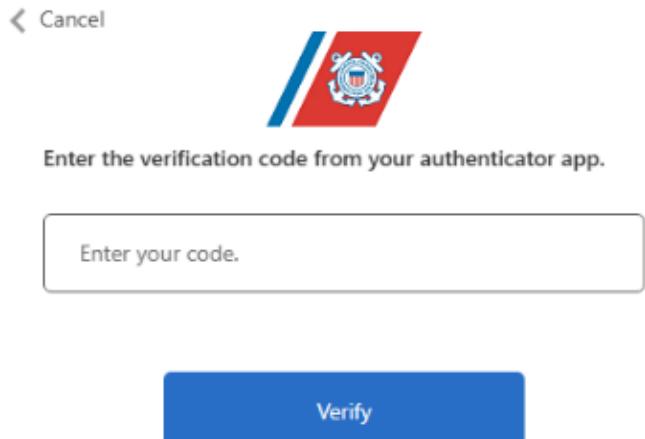
- Use phone to scan the QR code and add account to Authenticator app.

NOTE

The Microsoft Authenticator app or another authorized app must be downloaded on phone to receive code.



3. Click **Continue**.
4. In the box, type the verification code displayed in the app.



5. Click **Verify**.