



West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office
Regulatory & Licensing Division

Application
to
Obtain an Individual Permit to Use Explosives

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1. Requirements and Instructions for Obtaining an Individual Permit to Use Explosives
 - a) You must be at least 21 years of age (only exception is the Blaster Helper license classification)
 - b) You must meet the minimum work qualifications for the license type you are requesting
 - c) You must complete the application for licensure legible and in ink and submit it along with the appropriate license fee to the West Virginia State Fire Marshal. Incomplete or illegible applications, or applications submitted without the proper documentation, will be returned to the applicant without review. Applications received without the licensing fee will be purged without review after 7 days.
 - d) We cannot accept applications that are being faxed to our office.
 - e) Your social security number will be used for identification purposes at our agency only, and will not be published at any time
 - f) You must submit a non-refundable application review fee of \$ 40.00 with your application
 - g) Submit one passport size photograph (1.5" x 1.5") taken within the last 24 months
 - h) Submit a letter of employment from your current employer, or, if currently unemployed, submit a letter of recommendation from your previous employer
 - i) Submit copies of two forms of identification, of which at least one must be a photo identification (i.e.: driver's license, passport, social security card, birth certificate, etc.)
 - j) Submit copy of Federal Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) individual clearance
 - k) Individual permits to use explosives will be valid for one year and must be renewed annually. Should your permit to use laps for more than 12 months you must submit a new application, and might be required to pass a qualifying exam.
 - l) Please make sure all information on the application is printed clearly and legible. If we are unable to read the information on your application, it will be returned to you.
 - m) Using explosives underground for the purpose of coal mining is exempt from fire marshal permit requirements fro individuals.

If your application is submitted with all required documentation and fees, you will receive your West Virginia Individual License to use Explosives card in the mail within 10 days or you will receive your application and fees back with a rejection letter. Please do not submit the first two pages with your application. Those are for informational purposes and assistance in completing the application only. For questions regarding this application form, please call 304-558-2191 Ext. 53226



Office Use Only	
By:	Typed:

Application for West Virginia Individual License to Use Explosives

Be sure to complete all sections of this application in *print and legible*.

Applicant Personal Information									
Last Name		First Name		MI:					
Home Address									
City, State, Zip					Please attach your passport picture here				
Home Phone	(____) _____ - _____								
Cell Phone	(____) _____ - _____								
Date of Birth	Month: ____ Day: ____ Year: _____								
Place of Birth									
e-mail address									
Soc. Sec. No.:									
Drivers Lic. No.:				State of Issue					
Height	___' ___"	Eye Color		Sex	__ Male __ Female	Weight		lbs	

Employer			
Employer Name			
Your Job Title		Length of employment in months	
Location where you mainly will be using explosives			
Describe the purpose for which the explosives will be used			
List previous blasting related employer (s), length of employment and type of work performed			
List any explosives classes attended in the last 3 years			

Please indicate which Explosives permit you are applying for

Type of Permit	Fee	Blasting Allowed	Qualification Requirements
Class A Unlimited	\$ 75.00	All types	5 years of blasting experience in various settings
Class B Aboveground	\$ 75.00	Aboveground Quarries, pit mines, construction	3 years of explosives experience
Class C Underground	\$ 75.00	Underground Shafts, tunnels, drifts	3 years of explosives experience
Class D Demolition	\$ 75.00	Demolition and Industrial Cleaning Applications	3 years of explosives experience
Class E Seismic	\$ 50.00	Seismic Prospecting	1 year of specialized experience
Class F Agriculture	\$ 15.00	Agricultural use only – limited to 50 lbs of explosives per blast	Proof of at least one explosives safety class
Class G Coal	\$ 40.00	Surface Coal only	Letter of recommendation from employer
Class G Helper	\$ 40.00	Assist blasting operation under strict supervision only	Letter of recommendation from employer
Class G Special	\$ 40.00	Special Blasting Operations i.e. wells, wire-lines	Letter of recommendation from employer

Personal History

(if you answer any of these questions with yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper)

Have you ever been denied an explosives permit in any other state or had a permit revoked or suspended?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Have you ever been disciplined in any state for improper blasting procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Have you ever or are you currently a fugitive of justice?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Are you currently or have you ever been under investigation or under indictment for a felony crime?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Have you ever been convicted of any crime punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Are you currently or have you ever been addicted to narcotics or dangerous drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Affidavit

I, the applicant, state that I personally have completed this application and that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I am aware that any false statements made herein may result in revocation of my license and may be subject to criminal proceedings in accordance with West Virginia State Code. I am aware that I must obey all blasting procedures in accordance with NFPA 495 and failure to do so may result in receiving citations issued by the WV State Fire Marshal. I fully understand that I may be asked to pass a qualifying examination in order to keep my license if deemed necessary by the WV State Fire Marshal.

Signature		Date	
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