

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF MINING AND RECLAMATION
Surface Coal Mine Blaster's Certification Requirements

INITIAL

- Completed initial application (form EB-30). Submit ten (10) days prior to exam to allow adequate time to verify information.
- \$50 non-refundable fee.
- Documentation of one-year (240 days) active blasting experience in the last three (3) years.
- Legible copy of current driver's license or photo identification.
- Copy of current Fire Marshal's card and ATF employee possessor letter of clearance.
- Digital photo taken by Division of Mining and Reclamation (DMR) personnel.
- Completed Self-Study Guide Questions (Appendix I) including the Blaster's Certification Affidavit. A Self-Study Guide is available from DMR for \$25.
- Take and pass all three (3) parts of the Blaster's Exam.

Note: DMR offers an eight (8) hour training class to review and correlate with the Self-Study Guide. The eight (8) hour training class is mandatory if an applicant fails the exam twice. Prior registration is required.

RENEWAL

- Completed renewal application (form EB-30R) submit every three (3) years.
- \$30 non-refundable fee.
- Documentation of one year (240 days) active blasting experience in the last three (3) years.
- If no experience in the last three (3) years, applicant must attend the DMR eight (8) hour training class and re-examine (\$50 non-refundable fee required).
- Legible copy of current driver's license or photo identification.
- Copy of current Fire Marshal's card and ATF employee possessor letter of clearance.
- Digital photo taken by DMR personnel.
- Documentation of twelve (12) hours of refresher training within the three (3) years prior to certification expiration from an approved DMR program. Contact DMR or visit www.dep.wv.gov for a listing of accepted classes and programs. If your license has been expired for more than one (1) year, documentation of the twelve (12) hour refresher training will not be required. If your license has been expired for less than one (1) year, the twelve (12) hour refresher training will be required.
- Active blasters must retake the examination once every six (6) years to be eligible for renewal. A \$50 fee is required.

Note: DMR will provide a twelve (12) hour refresher training program annually in April. DMR will give four (4) hours refresher training credit for completion of the DMR 4-Hour Self-Study Refresher Training Course. Renewal application should be received thirty (30) days prior to expiration to allow for processing. License expiration may require retesting. Blasters are prohibited from blasting with an expired certification.

RECIPROCITY WITH VIRGINIA

- Completed reciprocity application (form EB-30Rec).
- \$50 non-refundable fee.
- Documentation of one year (240 days) active blasting experience in the last three (3) years.
- Legible copy of current driver's license or photo identification.
- Copy of current Fire Marshal's card and ATF employee possessor letter of clearance.
- Digital photo taken by DMR personnel.
- Legible copy of current Virginia Surface Coal Mine Blasters Certification Card.
- Legible copy of Virginia surface coal mine blaster test scores.
- Attend two (2) hour blaster's responsibility training given by DMR at the beginning of monthly exam.
- Reciprocity granted one time.

Submit all applications with appropriate fees (certified check, company check or money order) to:

**WVDEP-DIVISION OF MINING AND RECLAMATION
601 57TH STREET, S.E.
CHARLESTON, WV 25304**

If you have additional questions, please call (304) 926-0499.