



New York State Department of Labor
Division of Safety and Health
License and Certification, Room 161A
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Blasters Certificate of Competence - Information and Instructions for Applicants (Not valid in New York City)

Section 482 of the General Business Law requires anyone handling, placing and detonating explosives to hold a Certificate of Competence issued by the Commissioner of Labor.

Requirements

Age	You must be at least 21 years old.
Experience	You must have at least three years of practical experience in the handling and use of explosives.
Physical Condition	You will not be given a certificate if you have an uncontrolled physical handicap or illness (such as epilepsy, heart disease, etc.) or an uncorrected vision or hearing problem that might interfere with your ability to handle or use of explosives.
General Exam	You will need to pass a general knowledge exam. An exam may also be required for you to renew an existing certificate.
Practical Exam	You may also need to pass a practical examination in the use of explosives.
Child Support Obligations	A completed Appendix to a License Application (GO 1), regarding child support, must accompany your application.

How to Apply

You may obtain an application packet from:

NYS Department of Labor
License and Certificate Unit
Building 12, Room 161A
State Campus, Albany, NY 12240,

If you have any specific questions, you can contact the License & Certificate Unit staff at (518) 457-2735. The application is also available through the NYS Department of Labor website address www.labor.state.ny.us.

Material Required

Application	If you are applying for the first time, complete all questions on the form. If this is a renewal, fill in items 1 - 14 only.
Photographs	The New York State Department of Labor (DOL) has an agreement with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to produce the photo ID certificates. If your new or renewal license or certificate requires a photo, your Driver License or nondriver ID photo will be used. Anyone without a NYS photo license may have their photo taken at any nearby NYS DMV office. Check with the DMV for acceptable proofs of identity before going to the DMV for photos. Their website address is at www.nysdmv.com .
Waiver	You will need two copies of the Waiver prepared and signed.

See Additional Information on Reverse Side

Fingerprint Card	<p>All applicants for a Blaster's Certificate of Competence must submit a fingerprint card. You must contact the Department of Labor at the phone number given in the heading to receive a fingerprint card.</p> <p>Complete the fingerprint card and glue one 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 photograph to the reverse side of the card directly under the words "For Submitting Agency Use". Bring the card to the nearest local or state police office where they will take your fingerprints. Send the card with all other application material to the License and Certification Unit.</p>
Fees	<p>The total fee is \$214.25. It consists of \$120.00 for the certificate application and \$94.25 for the DCJS and FBI fingerprints record search. These fees are non-refundable.</p> <p>Applicants holding both a blaster certificate and a NYS explosives license only pay for the fingerprint fee once during the year when they renew both the certificate and license.</p>
Payment	You must pay by check or money order made payable to the Commissioner of Labor in the amount outlined above.
Submission	Mail an original application and the total fee, two copies of the waiver, the Appendix to a License Application and the fingerprint card to the License and Certification Unit.

General Information

Term of Certificate	The Certificate is valid for three years from the date of issuance,
Type of Certificates	<p>Class A - Holder may supervise and perform the preparation for and the detonation of any blast.</p> <p>Class B - Holder may supervise and perform the preparation for and the detonation of any above-ground blast.</p> <p>Class C - Holder may supervise and perform the preparation for and the detonation of any underground blast.</p>
Carry Certificate	Carry the Certificate at all times when working with explosives. If you fail to produce the certificate on request, we presume you are not certified.
Change of Address	You must notify the License and Certification Unit of any change in your address. Failure to send in this information may prevent delivery of your certificate or your renewal application.
Denial of Certificate	If your application for a Certificate of Competence is denied, you may request a hearing before the examining board. Send the request in writing to the Commissioner of Labor within 30 days after the mailing or personal delivery of the notice of denial.

Important Notice:

To purchase, own, possess and/or transport explosives, you must obtain a license. You can get the application from the NYS Department of Labor, License and Certification Unit, Building I2, Room 161A, State Campus, Albany, NY 12240, or from the New York State Department of Labor web-site address www.labor.state.ny.us