

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

**Application for Examination and Certification
As a Surface Mine Blaster**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This application is for persons seeking blaster certification pursuant to section 1501:13-9-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code (EFFECTIVE November 1, 1985; LAST REVISED June 28, 2018). **Such certification will allow a blaster to conduct surface blasting in Ohio coal mines and industrial minerals mines.** (It is not required to conduct non-mining types of blasting.) For eligibility information, please call the blasting specialist at our New Philadelphia office, at (330) 339-2207, before submitting this application.
2. A **limited form of blaster certification** is also available to conduct small-scale blasting in dimension stone types of quarries. For eligibility information and conditions of certification, please call the blasting specialist at our New Philadelphia office, at (330) 339-2207, before submitting this application.
3. **Reciprocity** may be granted to blasters who hold a valid certification or license from any state or federal blaster certification or license program approved by the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement. However, the blaster must apply for and pass an examination on Ohio blasting regulations and meet any other requirements deemed necessary. For eligibility information, please call the blasting specialist at our New Philadelphia office, at (330) 339-2207, before submitting this application.
4. All applicants who are approved to take the examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars. **DO NOT SEND FEE WITH APPLICATION. FEE MUST BE PAID TO EXAMINER AT EXAMINATION ROOM.**
5. All information requested in this application is to be truthfully completed to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief. Any applicant making false statements, or submitting false statements or signatures from employers or blasters, shall be subject to criminal prosecution, and shall be required to surrender any certificate he or she may have received from the former Mine Examining Board and/or the Division of Mineral Resources Management.
6. Application must be filled out by the applicant in ink in his or her own handwriting (please print), and sent to the **ODNR, Division of Mineral Resources Management, 2207 Reiser Avenue SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.**
7. Applicant must have at least 2 years of experience working on a blasting crew in mining, excavation, or an equivalent working environment. **Applicant should use care in giving full details of all experience that would meet the above criteria.** If the space provided is not sufficient, use additional paper and attach it to the application.
8. Applicant must have received on-the-job training from a blaster who is certified or licensed in any state.

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9. Applicant must not be addicted to alcohol, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs, and must have exhibited a pattern of conduct consistent with the acceptance of responsibility for blasting operations.
10. Applicant must have successfully completed a blasting course (40-hour minimum) approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management, **or** must be currently enrolled, or planning to enroll, in such a course. For the current availability of an initial blaster certification training course, call the blasting specialist at our New Philadelphia office, at (330) 339-2207.
11. If the applicant submits a complete application and meets all of the experience, conduct, and training requirements, the applicant will be notified of the date, time, and place of the examination.
12. If the applicant is currently enrolled or planning to enroll in an approved blasting course, and meets **all** other requirements, the applicant will be notified of the examination date, time and place through the course instructor. However, eligibility to take the examination will be conditional upon notification by the course instructor that the applicant has successfully completed the approved blasting course.
13. There are two parts to the surface mine blaster certification exam. Part 1 (General) covers a comprehensive list of topics including blast design, safety, vibration control and monitoring, and federal regulations regarding the handling, storage and transportation of explosives. Part 2 (Ohio Regs) focuses on Ohio's blasting regulations, with emphasis on the use of explosives in mining.
14. A person who fails only one part of the surface mine blaster exam may, at the discretion of the exam administrator, take that same part of the exam (but a different version) immediately or at a later date. A person who fails both parts of the surface mine blaster exam may take the exam again no earlier than thirty days after the date of the examination which was failed.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE EXAM

1. Ten-dollar fee (check or money order payable to *Treasurer, State of Ohio*).
2. Photographic form of identification (only a driver's license will be accepted without question).
3. Hand-held electronic calculator.

WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE EXAM

1. Exam booklet and pencil, unless the exam is computer-generated.
2. List of main blast design and vibration equations.
3. Scrap paper.
4. All the above must be returned to the examiner before leaving the examination room.

*** IMPORTANT ***

*** DO NOT MAIL THESE INSTRUCTION SHEETS WITH YOUR APPLICATION ***

*** SAVE FOR REFERENCE ***

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Read carefully all the information on the two instruction pages before filling out this application. Please **print** in ink in your own handwriting.

SECTION A

1. Full Name: _____
Last
First
Middle (no initial)

2. Mailing Address: _____
Address

City
State
Zip Code
County

3. Telephone: Home: (____) _____ Business: (____) _____

4. E-mail address: _____

5. Social Security Number (*last 4 digits only*): _____ Birth Date: _____

6. Are you currently addicted to alcohol, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs? _____

7. Have you completed training in a blasting course approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management? _____ If yes, give the course instructor, location, and dates you attended. If no, give the course instructor, location, and **proposed** dates of attendance where you are currently enrolled or planning to enroll.

Course Instructor
Location
Dates (from – to)

8. List any additional formal training you have received in blasting (typically from your employer).

Title of Course or Training Session	Course Instructor or Sponsor	Course Location	Total Hours	Dates Attended From – To

9. List and describe, **in detail**, your work experience that would qualify you to take the blaster certification examination. (You must have at least 2 years of blasting crew experience in mining, excavation, or an equivalent working environment.) **List your most recent experience first.**

Employer's Name, Address and HQ Telephone Number	Job Title and Job Description	Dates From - To

SECTION B

This section must be signed by your current or most recent employer. (You may not sign your own name.)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that _____,
name of applicant

while employed by _____, in the position of _____,
name of company or firm

exhibited a pattern of conduct consistent with the acceptance of responsibility for blasting operations.

I have known the applicant since _____
month and year

Employer or supervisor's name (print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION C

You must have this section completed by a certified or licensed blaster (from any state) from whom you have received on-the-job training. If you received your training from more than one blaster, make photocopies of this page as needed, have them completed, and attach them to your application.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that _____,
name of applicant

while employed by _____, in the position of _____,
name of company or firm

received direction and on-the-job training from me from _____ to _____.
date *date*

Name _____ Cert. or License Number: _____
print full name

Issuing State: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION D

I hereby certify that the answers I have made to the items in Section A, above, are in my own handwriting and are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I further certify that the statements provided about myself in Sections B and C, above, are true and accurate statements of my pattern of conduct and on-the-job training history.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date** _____

SEND THIS APPLICATION ONLY TO:

ODNR
Division of Mineral Resources Management
2207 Reiser Avenue SE
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

