



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE**

DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION
PERMITS AND LICENSES UNIT
500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37243-1159
PHONE (615) 741-2981 FAX (615) 741-1583

The following items are necessary to qualify for registration as an explosives blaster:

1. Submit an application with a check made payable to the Department of Commerce and Insurance for three-hundred fifteen dollars (\$315). Fifteen dollars (\$15) of which is nonrefundable.
2. The application must be completed in its entirety. A registration will not be issued without a completed application on file.
3. The applicant must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
4. The applicant must understand, speak and write the English language.
5. Provide proof of having obtained one (1) year of previous practical experience under the supervision of a registered, experienced blaster by having the blaster fill out and sign a *Blaster/Limited Blaster Experience Verification* form. Alternately, provide the applicant's blasting license from another state provided it has been possessed for at least one year prior to application in this state.
6. Submit a copy of the applicant's Tennessee handler's registration if applicable.
7. Schedule, take and pass a written examination after the application is reviewed by this office. Each blaster applicant must pass the exam. An applicant who fails an examination may retake the examination thirty (30) days after the original test date without paying another application fee. An applicant who fails the examination twice shall reapply and pay the required application fee.
8. If you are not an employee of a registered blasting firm, an explosives firm application and fee must be submitted with a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The insurance company must complete and sign the Certificate of Insurance and the words "Includes blasting/explosives" must appear on the certificate. The "State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Permits and Licenses Unit", at the above address, must be listed as the certificate holder. This certificate must be forwarded to this office.

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Requirements for continuing the registration:

Certificates of registration expire three (3) years following the date of issuance or renewal and are invalid on that date unless renewed. You will receive a renewal form by mail prior to expiration. Submit the renewal form with a check for three-hundred dollars (\$300) made payable to the Department of Commerce and Insurance. If you don't receive the renewal form, call (615) 741-1322 for instructions. It is the responsibility of the registrant to notify this office of all address changes to ensure renewal notices are received in a timely manner.

A twenty-five dollar (\$25) late fee is assessed for renewing up to one (1) year after expiration. After one (1) year, an initial application must be made and all requirements for initial registration must be met.

A minimum of sixteen (16) hours of State Fire Marshal approved continuing education must be completed. Proof of completion of the course must be received prior to the expiration date.

Laws and Rules

Explosives *laws* can be found on the internet at www.tennessee.gov, put your cursor on Government, then move it over to State and click the TN Code link, navigating to Title 68, Safety, Chapter 105 Blasting and Explosives.

Explosives *rules* can be found at <http://sos.tn.gov/effective-rules>, then navigating to 0780 Commerce and Insurance, Fire Prevention, 0780-02-15.



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BLASTER APPLICATION

Registration Fee: \$ 300 (3 Years)
Application Fee: \$ 15 (This is a non-refundable application fee)
Total Fees Due: \$ 315

NOTE: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

Blaster's Full Name _____

Mailing Address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone #: () _____

Email address: _____ Fax #: () _____

Home Address (if different than mailing address)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone #: () _____

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
(Month/Day/Year)

TN Handler's Registration # _____

Are you currently employed by a Tennessee registered blasting firm? Yes No

If yes, provide the name of the firm:

Firm Name _____ Firm's TN Registration # _____

Firm Address _____
(Street Number, or R.F.D. and P.O. Box)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

If you are not employed by a registered blasting firm, make an application for an explosives firm, pay the fee, and submit a Certificate of Liability Insurance for at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

Are you a U. S. Citizen? Yes No

Do you understand, speak and write the English language? Yes No

Are you currently under indictment for a Felony?

Yes **No** If yes, attach a copy of the court records including: (1) date, (2) charge, (3) place, (4) court, (5) action taken.

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony?

Yes **No** If yes, attach a copy of the court records including: (1) date, (2) charge, (3) place, (4) court, (5) action taken.

Do you suffer from mental or physical impairment that would interfere with the safe handling of explosives?

Yes **No** If yes, attach an explanation.

I certify that all information provided is correct and all questions are answered truthfully. I am aware that providing false information may result in the denial or revocation of my registration. I am aware that a previous or future charge or violation of any explosives law or regulation may result in the denial or revocation of my registration.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE TO NOTIFY THIS OFFICE OF ALL ADDRESS CHANGES TO ENSURE RENEWAL NOTICES ARE RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER.



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Blaster/Limited Blaster Experience Verification

Applicant Name: _____

The explosives user applicant named above has received one year of practical experience under my supervision that enables him or her to adequately store, handle, and use explosives.

Name (print): _____ TN Blaster Registration Number*: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*See application instructions for out of state applicants.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

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Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS: If you are a natural person applying for a license, registration, certification or other benefit you must:

1. Attest, under penalty of perjury, to your status as either a United States citizen, a qualified alien as defined in Tennessee's Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act, or a foreign national not physically present in the United States, by selecting your status in Part A below signing on the line labeled "Applicant's Signature," printing your name on the line labeled "Printed Name" and putting the current date on the line labeled "Date."

AND

Do one (1) of the following:

2. If you are claiming United States citizenship, present one (1) of the forms of identification provided for in Part B below. **If you provided your Social Security Number as part of your application for licensure, registration, certificate or other benefit, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number.**
3. If you are claiming qualified alien status, you **MUST** present two (2) forms of documentation (front and back) of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program, as provided in Part C below. **(Failure to provide two forms of documentation as described will result in a delay to determining eligibility for licensure.)**
4. If you are claiming qualified alien status but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation provided for in Part C of this form, then you shall present at least one (1) such document that shall then be verified through the SAVE program.
or
5. If you are claiming you are foreign national not physically present in the United States, contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.

Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation

Part A. Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation

I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that I am (select one):

_____ A United States citizen;

_____ A qualified alien as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-58-102;¹
Driver's license and Social Security card are not acceptable documentation under part C below.

_____ A foreign national not physically present in the United States. Further, I understand that should I ever become physically present in the United States while I hold this license, registration, certification or other benefit I agree to immediately contact the issuing agency and provide documentation to confirm my status as a qualified alien.

Applicant's Signature

Printed Name

Date

Submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application or any violation of the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act may result in the revocation of any license, registration, certification or other benefit issued to the applicant. A person who willfully makes a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation of United States citizenship may be prosecuted under 18 U.S.C. § 911 and/or the False Claims Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-18-101, *et seq.*

¹ Qualified alien means "A qualified alien as defined by 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)" or "An alien or nonimmigrant eligible to receive state or local public benefits under 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)." Pursuant to those statutes, this includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- An alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.];
- An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1158];
- A refugee who is admitted to the United States under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C.A. § 1157];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)] for a period of at least 1 year;
- An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1253] (as in effect immediately before the effective date of section 307 of division C of Public Law 104-208) or section 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3)] (as amended by section 305(a) of division C of Public Law 104-208);
- An alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1153(a)(7)] as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;
- An alien who is a Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980);
- A nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, *et seq.*];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182 (d)(5)] for less than one year.

Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Additional Required Documentation

Part B. If you are claiming United States citizenship, you must present one (1) of the following:

- A valid Tennessee driver license or photo identification license issued by the Department of Safety;
- A valid driver license or photo identification license from another state where the issuance requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee, as determined by the Department of Safety;
- An official birth certificate issued by a state, jurisdiction or territory of the United States, including Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, or Guam; provided that Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010, shall **not** be recognized;
- A United States government-issued certified birth certificate;
- A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- A United States certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545);
- A report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States (FS-240);
- A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
- A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570 or N578);
- A United States citizen identification card (I-197, I-179);
- Any successor document of those listed at Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-58-103(c)(4)-(9); or
- **A social security number that may be verified with the Social Security Administration in accordance with federal law (if you provided your social security number as part of your application for licensure, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number).**

Part C. If you are claiming qualified alien status, you must present two (2) forms of documentation of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program. Such forms of identification may include:

- I-327 (Reentry Permit);
- I-551 (Permanent Resident Card);
- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document);
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card);
- Certificate of Citizenship;
- Naturalization Certificate;
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language);
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94);
- Unexpired Foreign Passport;
- WT/WB Admission Stamp in Unexpired Foreign Passport
- I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status);
- DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status);
- Any other document determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program created pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Part D. If you are claiming qualified alien status, but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation as described in Part C, then you shall present at least one (1) such document as described in Part C, which shall then be verified through the SAVE program.

Part E. If you are claiming that you are a foreign national not physically present in the United States, please contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.