TENNESSEE BLASTING LICENSING REFERENCE GUIDE

Division: Fire Prevention – Permits & Licensing

Types of Registrations

- Blaster
- Limited Blaster
- Handler
- Explosives Firm

Fees

Registration Type	Application Fee	Registration Fee	Total
Blaster	$15	$300	**$315**
Limited Blaster	$15	$300	**$315**
Handler	$15	$100	**$115**
Explosives Firm	$15	$750	**$765**

Application fees are non-refundable.

Renewal Fees

- Blaster – $300
- Limited Blaster – $300
- Handler – $100
- Explosives Firm – $750

Late Renewal Fee

- $25 (when applicable)

New Applications

Blaster

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Application and registration fees
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Proof of one (1) year of practical blasting experience (Experience Verification Form completed by a registered blaster) **or** qualifying out-of-state blaster license held for at least one year
- Tennessee Handler Registration (if applicable)
- Passing Morris & McDaniel examination
- Any additional documentation requested by the Division

Limited Blaster

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Application and registration fees
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Proof of one (1) year of practical blasting experience under a registered limited blaster
- Tennessee Handler Registration (if applicable)
- Passing Morris & McDaniel examination
- Any additional documentation requested by the Division

Handler

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Application and registration fees
- Eligibility Attestation/Citizenship Verification
- Any additional documentation requested by the Division

Explosives Firm

Required Documents

- Completed application
- Application and registration fees
- Certificate of Liability Insurance meeting Tennessee requirements

- Any additional documentation requested by the Division

Renewals

- Submitted through CORE
- Renewal fee
- Update employer or business information, if applicable
- Submit any additional documentation requested by the Division

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Reinstatements

- Submit a reinstatement application.
- Pay all applicable fees.
- Meet current registration requirements.
- Update any changes to employer or business information.
- Submit any additional documentation requested by the Division.

Helpful Notes

- Blaster and Limited Blaster applicants must be at least **21 years old**.
- Handler applicants must be at least **18 years old**.
- Applicants must be able to read, write, and understand English.
- Examinations are administered through **Morris & McDaniel**.
- If an applicant fails the examination, they must comply with Tennessee retesting requirements before scheduling another exam.
- Registrations are valid for **three (3) years**.
- Explosives Firms must maintain the required liability insurance while registered.
- Blasting registrations are administered by the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance, Division of Fire Prevention.