

661—235.5(101A) Issuance of a commercial explosive blaster license. A commercial explosive blaster license will be issued if all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

235.5(1) The applicant is an employee of a licensed commercial explosive contractor.

a. If, after a commercial explosive blaster license is issued, such employment ceases, the employing contractor and the commercial explosive blaster shall each notify the department within three business days of the final day of employment that the employment has ceased, and the commercial explosive blaster license shall be suspended until the commercial explosive blaster is again employed with a licensed commercial explosive contractor.

b. Upon reemployment, the employer shall notify the department that the commercial explosive blaster is again employed with a licensed commercial explosive contractor, and the department will reinstate the commercial explosive blaster license as soon as practical, provided that the commercial explosive blaster is not disqualified from holding a license pursuant to any provision of this chapter.

c. If the department finds that a commercial explosive blaster is disqualified from holding a license, the department shall revoke the license.

235.5(2) All items required on the application have been completed and any items the department deems necessary to verify have been verified and found to be true.

235.5(3) The applicant is not or has not been:

a. Convicted of any offense involving explosives or firearms;

b. Previously disqualified from being licensed to handle explosives in this or any other state. The department may grant a license to a person previously disqualified if the department is satisfied that the condition or conditions that led to the disqualification have been corrected;

c. An unlawful user of or addicted to controlled substances;

d. Adjudged mentally incompetent at any time by any court or committed by any court to any mental institution; or

e. A recipient of inpatient treatment for any mental illness in the past three years or a recipient of treatment by a health care professional for a serious mental illness or disorder that impairs a person's capacity to function normally and safely toward themselves or others.

235.5(4) The applicant has satisfactorily completed training approved by the department for the handling and use of explosives as described on the department's website. The training may be provided by the employer or by a reputable third party knowledgeable about the storage, handling, and use of explosives. The department may accept related job experience of 640 hours or more in lieu of training if the experience is documented by a sworn affidavit provided by the employing commercial explosive contractor licensee.

EXCEPTION: The department may issue a commercial explosive blaster license to a person licensed or certified as a blaster in another state, provided that the department finds that the requirements for licensing or certification in the other state are comparable to those provided for in this rule.

235.5(5) An applicant for a renewal license has completed continuing education from a nationally recognized institution in professional explosives storage, handling, and use.

235.5(6) The applicant is 21 years of age or older.

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