

661—235.5 (101A) Issuance of individual blaster license. An individual blaster license shall be issued only if all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

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

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

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

c. If the fire marshal finds that an individual blaster is disqualified from holding a license, the fire marshal shall revoke the license.

235.5(2) All items required on the application have been completed and any items the fire marshal 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 a felony or any offense involving explosives or firearms;

b. Previously disqualified from being licensed to handle explosives in this or any other state. The fire marshal may grant a license to a person previously disqualified if the fire marshal 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 which 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 fire marshal for the handling and use of explosives. The training may be provided by the employer or by a reputable third party knowledgeable about the storage, handling, and use of explosives. The fire marshal 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 business licensee.

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

235.5(5) The applicant is 21 years of age or older.