



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
Division of State Fire Marshal

**Explosive Manufacturer-Distributor  
Dealers, User and Blaster  
LICENSE/PERMIT INFORMATION  
PACKET**

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION  
REGULATORY LICENSING SECTION  
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## Chapter 552, Florida Statutes

### Definitions

**"Explosive materials"** means explosives, blasting agents, or detonators.

**"Explosives"** means any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary purpose of which is to function by explosion. The term "explosives" includes, but is not limited to, dynamite, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene, other high explosives, black powder, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cord, igniter cord, and igniters. "Explosives" does not include cartridges for firearms and does not include fireworks as defined in chapter 791.

**"Person"** means any natural person, partnership, association, or corporation.

**"Manufacturer-distributor"** means a person engaged in the manufacture, compounding, combining, production, or distribution of explosives.

**"Dealer"** means a person engaged in the wholesale or retail business of buying and selling explosives.

**"User"** means a dealer or manufacturer-distributor who uses an explosive as an ultimate consumer or a person who, as an ultimate consumer of an explosive, purchases such explosive from a dealer or manufacturer-distributor.

**"Blaster"** means a person employed by a user who detonates or otherwise effects the explosion of an explosive.

**SECTION 552.091, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIRED**

**MANUFACTURER-DISTRIBUTOR, DEALER, USER, OR  
BLASTER OF EXPLOSIVES**

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of a manufacturer-distributor or to acquire, sell, possess, store, or engage in the use of explosives in this state, except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

Each manufacturer-distributor, dealer, user, or blaster must be possessed of a valid and subsisting license or permit issued by the division, except that if a manufacturer-distributor makes sales to users, such manufacturer shall not be required to obtain an additional license as a dealer.

In the case of multiple locations for storage of explosives, each manufacturer-distributor, dealer, or user maintaining more than one permanent storage magazine location shall possess an additional license, as herein set forth, for each such location.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Each application for a license shall require, as a minimum, the full name, date of birth, place of birth, social security number, physical description, residence address, and business address of the applicant; the types of explosives to be manufactured, distributed, or used by the applicant; and the purpose for which the license is sought in relation to explosives. Each application for license shall be accompanied by an accurate and current photograph of the applicant and a complete set of fingerprints of the applicant taken by an authorized law enforcement officer.

Each application for a permit shall require, as a minimum, the full name, date of birth, place of birth, social security number, physical description, and residence address of the applicant and the name and the license number of the user employing such blaster. Each application shall be accompanied by an accurate and current photograph of the applicant and a complete set of fingerprints of the applicant taken by an authorized law enforcement officer.

**LICENSING FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM**

Regulatory Licensing Section  
200 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0342  
850/413-3171  
[Fire.Prevention@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:Fire.Prevention@myfloridacfo.com)

**LICENSE FEES**

Type: 04 05	Manufacturer-Distributor License	\$650
Type: 06 05	Dealer of Explosives	\$450
Type: 07 06	User of Explosives	\$125
Type: 09 06	Blaster Permit	\$50

## **SECTION 552.094, FLORIDA STATUTES**

### **PROHIBITIONS**

No license or permit shall be issued, renewed, or be allowed to remain in effect for any natural person:

Under 21 years of age.

Who has been convicted of a felony and has not been pardoned or had her or his civil rights restored.

Who has been adjudicated mentally incompetent and has not had her or his civil rights restored.

No license or permit shall be issued to any person by the division pursuant to an application unless the division shall determine from the information set forth in the application that the purpose for which the applicant seeks the permit or license falls within the purview of this chapter and that such purpose is not violative of any other laws of the state.

It is unlawful for any person knowingly to withhold information or present to the division any false, fictitious, or misrepresented application, identification, document, information, or data intended or likely to deceive the division for the purpose of obtaining a license or permit.

### **MULTIPLE LOCATIONS**

In the case of multiple locations for storage of explosives, each manufacturer-distributor, dealer or user maintaining more than one permanent storage magazine location shall possess an additional license for each location.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

All explosive materials shall be stored in magazines, which are in conformity with the rules or regulations of the division, except when they are in the process of manufacture, being used, or being loaded or unloaded into or from transportation vehicles, or while in the course of transportation.

Use of explosives, except by written consent of the division, shall be conducted only during daylight hours.

The Division of State Fire Marshal may restrict the quantity and use of explosives at any location within the state when the division deems the use of such explosives is likely to cause injury to life or property.

The Division of State Fire Marshal may, when it deems necessary, inspect, at any reasonable hour, any building, storage facility, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, equipment, or premises where explosive materials are stored, kept, transported, used, manufactured, distributed, or sold, to determine if there is any violation of this chapter or of any rule or regulation of the division.

**SECTION 552.111, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND SALES OF EXPLOSIVES**

**MANUFACTURER-DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS**

It is unlawful for any licensed manufacturer-distributor to sell or distribute explosives to any person except a person presenting a current, valid dealer's explosive license or user's explosive license.

It is unlawful for any licensed dealer to sell or distribute explosives to any person except a person presenting a current, valid user of explosives license or dealer's explosive license.

Each sale shall be evidenced by an invoice or sales ticket, which shall bear the name, address, and explosives license number of the purchaser, the date of sale, quantity sold, type of explosive sold, manufacturer's mark, and use for which the explosive is purchased. All original invoices or sales tickets shall be retained by the manufacturer-distributor or dealer and a copy thereof provided to the purchaser.

**INSPECTIONS**

**MANUFACTURER-DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS**

Each manufacturer-distributor and each dealer shall keep an accurate and current written account of all inventories and sales of explosives. Such records shall be maintained by the manufacturer-distributor or dealer for a period of 5 years.

Such records and inventories shall be made accessible to, and subject to examination by, the division and any peace officer of this state.

**SECTION 552.112, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS BY USERS**

It is unlawful for any user of explosives to purchase, store, or use explosives without maintaining an accurate and current written inventory of all explosives purchased, possessed, stored, or used.

Such records shall include, but not be limited to, invoices or sales tickets from purchases, location of blasting sites, dates and times of firing, the amount of explosives used for each blast or delay series, the name of the person in charge of loading and firing, and the license or permit number and name of the person making such entry into the records.

**INSPECTIONS**

Records shall be maintained by users for a period of 5 years.

Such records shall be made accessible to, and subject to examination by, the division and any peace officer of this state.

## **EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

No license or permit shall be issued by the division until the applicant for such license or permit has satisfactorily passed an examination proving to the satisfaction of the division that the applicant is thoroughly competent and familiar with explosives and the operation to be performed.

Each applicant shall be required to pay an examination fee of \$30 upon application for the required license or permit, which fee shall apply to one scheduled examination attempt. Such fee shall not be refundable in the event the applicant does not appear for examination or does not successfully pass the examination.

If the applicant does not appear for examination or does not successfully pass the examination, the applicant shall submit an additional \$30 fee for each examination scheduled.

## **EXPLOSIVE EXAMINATIONS**

### **STUDY MATERIAL**

Chapter 552, Florida Statutes (attached)

Florida Administrative Code 69A-2 (attached)

Blaster's Handbook

#### **Available from:**

International Society of Explosive Engineers (ISEE)  
[www.isee.org](http://www.isee.org)  
30325 Bainbridge Road  
Cleveland, OH 44139  
Tel: 440-349-4400  
Fax: 440-349-3788

## **LICENSE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL**

All licenses and permits expire annually at midnight on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Failure to renew a license or permit prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> will cause the license or permit to become inoperative. The holder of an inoperative license or permit shall not engage in any activities for which a license or permit is required by Chapter 552, Florida Statutes.

### **DUPLICATE LICENSE, PERMIT CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Any licensee or permittee who wishes a duplicate of a lost or stolen permit or has a change in business, mailing or home address shall submit a written request to and \$5.00 to:

Regulatory Licensing Section  
200 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0342

## **FINGERPRINT CARDS**

Enclosed with your packet are fingerprint cards based on the number of applicants you have indicated will be applying to the Division of State Fire Marshal to obtain an explosive license.

Please follow the attached instructions carefully. Due to the increased number of illegible fingerprint cards being submitted, the FBI Identification Division will accept only one resubmission of an applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant's fingerprint submission is returned illegible a second time, for any reason, the applicant will be required to pay the processing fee with the next submission.

No applicant will be approved to sit for a competency examination until the Division has completed the background investigation check on the applicant.

### **Fingerprint Card Processing Fees**

The fingerprint processing fee is \$64.00. This fee **must** be paid online at [www.fldfsprints.com](http://www.fldfsprints.com) or you may pay by telephone at 888/717-5699.

Confirmation of the payment of the \$64.00 processing fee must be submitted with your application for license and or permit. The fingerprint card cannot be processed and the mandatory background investigation completed until the fee is paid.

### **FINGERPRINT CARD INSTRUCTIONS**

Fingerprints submitted on a card not provided by the Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Prevention will not be accepted.

The fingerprint card is for your use in applying for Manufacturer-Distributor, Dealer or User license or Blaster Permit.

You must take the fingerprint card to a law enforcement agency for fingerprinting service.

The top portion of the fingerprint card must be completed in detail in order for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to process the card. You are responsible for filling out the card with all applicable information. Incomplete cards will not be completed for you and will be returned as illegible.

**The following specific instructions should be followed:**

Fingers should be washed and dried thoroughly prior to the prints being taken.

Do not sign the fingerprint card until you are in the presence of the person who will take your fingerprints.

The fingerprint card must be typed in black ink.

Your name, at the top of the fingerprint card, and all other information must be typed or written in black ink.

The section on the fingerprint card titled "Employer and Address" should contain the name and address of your employer.

The sections titled Date of Birth (DOB), Place of Birth (POB), Sex, Race, Height (HGT), Weight (WGT), Eyes, and Hair must all be completed.

Race:  
White = W  
Black = B  
Asian = A  
Indian = I

Height (HGT) use feet and inches do not use total inches.

Eyes and Hair: to describe color of eyes and hair, use the appropriate three letter code from the following list:

<b>COLOR</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>COLOR</b>	<b>CODE</b>
Bald	BAL	Gray	GRY
Black	BLK	Hazel	HAZ
Blond or Strawberry	BLN	Red or Auburn	RED
Blue	BLU	White	WHI
Brown	BRO		

The section title Citizenship (CTZ) is for your citizenship – US, Cuba, Canada, etc.

The section title Armed Forces No. (MNU) is for your military number if you have one.

The section title Social Security Number (SOC) is for your Social Security Number.

You are not required to fill out the sections titled: Your No. OCA; FBI No. FBI; or Miscellaneous No. MNU.

**DO NOT FOLD OR DAMAGE THE FINGERPRINT CARD IN ANY WAY.** The fingerprint card cannot be processed if it has been folded, creased or damaged and will be returned to you as illegible.









**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
*Division of State Fire Marshal*

**APPLICATION FOR STATE EXPLOSIVE PERMIT  
 BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION  
 REGULATORY LICENSING SECTION**

Return to: Revenue Processing Section  
 P. O. Box 6100  
 Tallahassee, FL 32314-6100

In compliance with Chapter 552, Florida Statutes, application is hereby made for a State Explosives Blaster's Permit.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Explosives Blaster's Permit | Type 09 Class 06 | F/T L | Fee: \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Examination Filing Fee      | Type 07 Class 07 | F/T F | Fee: \$30.00 |

**Make Check Payable to the "State Fire Marshal"** Total Fee(s) Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
   Number  Street

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City  County  State  Zip Code

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL:**

3. Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Color of Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Color of Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifying Marks: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No
5. If the answer to the above question is yes, have you been pardoned or have your civil rights been restored?  
 Yes  No
6. Have you ever been adjudicated mentally incompetent?  Yes  No
7. If the answer to the above question is yes, have your civil rights been restored?  Yes  No

\*\*\*\*THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN DETAIL\*\*\*\*

**Business/Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. Previous Employer and Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

9. PERMIT REQUESTED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE USER LICENSE AS LISTED:

Firm Name or Individual: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be completed as indicated on User License)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street  
City County State Zip Code

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid User License Number (07 06): \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifier Name: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Submit a current photograph with this application.

**FINGERPRINT CARD AND PHOTOGRAPH MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION**

I certify that I understand the Blaster's Permit, if issued, remains valid only while I am employed by the above licensed User of Explosives.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Day, Month, Year

who is personally known or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who  has  has not taken an oath.

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Type, Print or Stamp Name

I hereby certify that the person whose name appears on this application for a State Blaster's Permit is currently employed. I further certify my understanding that this permit must be retained by me and returned to the State Fire Marshal when such employment is terminated.

Signature of License Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Day, Month, Year

who is personally known or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who  has  has not taken an oath.

Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Type, Print or Stamp Name