



Montana Construction Blaster Program

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Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist Construction Blaster

Before applying, please be aware of MCA 37-72-101(3):

This license does not apply to the private or commercial use of explosives by persons engaged in farming, ranching, logging, geophysical work, drilling or development of water, oil, or gas wells, or mining of any kind or to the private use of explosives in the removal of stumps and rocks from land owned by the person using the explosives.

License Requirements for Construction Blaster

Below are the minimum requirements you must meet in order to be licensed in the state of Montana.

1. Must be at least 18 years of age. [[MCA 37-72-301](#)]
2. A minimum of 2 years of construction blasting experience. [[MCA 37-72-301](#), [MCA 37-72-302](#), [ARM 24.131.501](#)]
3. Complete a 24-hour construction blasting training program. [[MCA 37-72-301](#), [MCA 37-72-302](#), [ARM 24.131.405](#), [ARM 24.131.501](#)]

Construction Blasting [[MCA 37-72-101\(1\)\(b\)](#)]:

Means the use of explosives to:

- (i) reduce, destroy, or weaken any residential, commercial, or other building; or
- (ii) excavate any ditch, trench, cut, or hole or reduce, destroy, weaken, or cause a change in grade of any land formation in the construction of any building, highway, road, pipeline, sewer line, or electric or other utility line

Training Programs [[ARM 24.131.405](#)]:

Training programs in construction blasting must be recognized by the explosives and construction industry and approved by the bureau. The training program must offer comprehensive instruction in safe use of explosives, methods and purposes of their use, and safety procedures for storage. These training programs shall be at least 24 hours to obtain a license or be approved by the bureau based on content and quality of the course.

All license applications expire within 1 year of initial submission to the department.

Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Construction Blaster

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application. Others, such as transcripts, may need to be sent to the Department directly from the source.

- ☐ Experience Affidavit
- ☐ Proof of Training Certification
- ☐ Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type.
- ☐ If you answered yes to discipline questions, include a detailed explanation on the event(s) and documentation from the source (licensing board, federal agencies/programs, or civil/criminal court proceedings such as initiating/charging documents, final disposition/judgement documents, etc.).

Application Fee(s) for Construction Blaster

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. You can apply and pay online using a debit/credit card or bank account.

- ☐ \$75 application fee and \$5 Contingent Litigation Fee

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You can apply for a license online at: aca-prod.accela.com/POL

Please include a valid email address with your application. Email is the Department's primary form of communication.

Experience Affidavit

Upload this form with your online application

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Employer/Business name: _____

Employer/Business Address: _____

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You can use additional forms as needed.

I hereby certify that the above-named applicant has obtained the necessary experience in the operation of construction blasting and the explosives/equipment specified above:

Signature of person verifying experience: _____

Printed name of person verifying experience: _____

Date Signed: _____

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