Blaster Certificates - Coal Mining States

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The following States grant blaster certificates for coal mining. The states in **bold** recognize the OSMRE Blaster Certificate with an issued classification as meeting the minimum requirement for establishing technical competence in surface coal mining blasting. However, each blaster must still file an application, meet the administrative requirements and possibly take a short examination on local regulations in each state. Federal Program states/tribes that require an OSM Blaster certificate are: Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, Navajo and Crow.

State Department	State Bureau	License / Certificate Type	Contact
Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources	Mining Resources	Blaster Certificate	Russell Kirkham Russell Kirkham@alaska.gov (907) 269-8650 Web Page
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality	Surface Mining and Reclamation Division	Blaster Certification	James F. Stephens stephens@adeq.state.ar.us 501-682-0807 Web Page
Alabama Surface Mining Commission		Certified Blaster (for surface coal mining)	Ed Sheehan Edward.Sheehan@asmc.alabama.gov (205) 221-4130 Web Page
Colorado Department of Natural Resource	Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety	Certified Surface Blaster and Certified Surface Shotfirer	William C. York-Feirn bill.york-feirn@state.co.us (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8151 Web Page
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Land Reclamation Division	Certified Blaster	Michael D. Falter Michael.Falter@illinois.gov (217) 782-9976 Web Page
Indiana Department of Natural Resources	Division of Reclamation	Certified Blaster	Phyllis Hart phart@dnr.in.gov (812) 665-2207 Web Page
Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship	Mines and Minerals Bureau		Todd Coffelt (515) 281-6147 Web Page
Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office	Investigations Division	Blaster License	Rose Rozmiarek (785) 269-4199 Web Page
Kentucky Department for Natural Resources	Explosives and Blasting Branch	Kentucky Blaster Certificate (Regulation change needed to offer a Blaster License)	Raymond Hudson Raymond.Hudson@ky.gov (606) 233-7217 Web Page
Louisiana Office of Conservation	Injection and Mining Division	Not Available (no coal mine blasting in the state)	Dale Bergquist daleb@dnr.state.la.us (225) 242-3408 Web Page
Maryland Department of the Environment	Bureau of Mines	Maryland Surface Coal Mine - Blaster's Certification	John Carey jcarey@mde.state.md.us (301) 689-1442 Web Page

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Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality	Office of Geology	No certificate available	Stan Thieling stan_thieling@deq.state.ms.us 601-961-5519 Web Page
Missouri Department of Natural Resources	Land Reclamation Program	Blaster Certificate	Tucker Fredrickson Tucker.Fredrickson@dnr.mo.gov (573) 522-2587 Web Page
Montana Department of Environmental Quality	Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau	Coal Miner Blaster Certification	Peter Mahrt PMahrt@mt.gov (406) 444-1515 Web Page
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	Mining and Minerals Division	Not Available (Regulation change needed for reciprocity)	Vacant (505) 476-3412 Web Page
North Dakota Public Service Commission	Reclamation and AML Divisions	Certified Blaster (Regulation change needed for reciprocity)	Jim Deutsch jdeutsch@state.nd.us (701) 328-2251 Web Page
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Division of Mineral Resources Management	Blaster Certification (surface blasting at coal and industrial minerals mines)	Mike Mann mike.mann@dnr.state.oh.us (330) 339-2207 Web Page
Oklahoma Department of Mines	Oklahoma Miner Training Institute	Surface Blaster Certification	Aaron Farris afarris@eosc.edu (918) 465 1799 Web Page
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Explosives and Safety Section	Pennsylvania Blaster's License - Surface Mining Classification	Richard Lamkie rlamkie@pa.gov (814) 472-1885 Web Page
Texas - Surface Mining and Reclamation Division	Railroad Commission of Texas	Commission Blaster Certificate	Jackey Rodgers jackey.rodgers@rrc.state.tx.us 512.305.8811 Web Page
Utah Department of Natural Resources	Division of Oil, Gas and Mining	Surface Blaster Certification	Ms. Vickie Southwick (435) 613-3731 Web Page
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy	Division of Mines	Surface Blaster Certification Card (one time only)	Mary Gibson mary.gibson@dmme.virginia.gov (276) 523-8234 Web Page
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection	Office of Explosives and Blasting	Surface Coal Mine Blaster's Certification (no commitment)	Dave VandeLinde David.l.vandelinde@wv.gov (304) 926-0464 Web Page
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	Land Quality Division	Surface Blaster Certificate	Douglas Emme doug.emme@wyo.gov (307) 675-5612 Web Page