

NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
PUBLIC CERTIFICATION AND EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND _____

This memorandum provides the procedures to follow in order to obtain a **Consolidated Certificate of Fitness for Blaster all Purposes, Use of Explosives for the Demolition of Buildings, and Underwater Blasting (X-01)** without a written test administered by the New York City Fire Department. However, applicants may take advantage of this policy only when the administration of a written exam is not practicable. Applications for alternative issuance must be submitted **by mail only**.

1. SUBMIT NOTARIZED STATEMENTS

A. A notarized statement from the blasting site manager or superintendent. This statement must affirm that the applicant has a reasonable understanding and has received training in RCNY §14-06(b)(3) and §27-4031.e of the Fire Code, the regulations of the New York State Department of Transportation, and is knowledgeable of the provisions contained therein. The statement must include the applicant's full name, character, physical condition, experience, and address of premises where applicant will be employed. This statement must be submitted on company's official letterhead.

B. A notarized statement from the applicant stating that he/she is being issued a Certificate of Fitness for blaster (all purposes); use of explosives for the demolition of buildings; or for underwater blasting by the Fire Department of City of New York on the basis of his/her experience, education, and understanding of the specific premises' requirements governing the blasting operations. The statement must include the applicant's full name, experience, and address of premises where he/she will be employed.

2. COMPLETE FORM A-20

All applicants must complete a Certificate of Fitness Application (Form A-20).

3. APPLICATION FEES

A check or money order for \$25.00 must accompany each application.

4. PHOTOS

All applicants must submit two (2) passport-size photos.

5. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants having five (5) years or more of blasting experience or six (6) months of supervised blasting experience in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and/or Yonkers may apply for alternative issuance.

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6. FURTHER INFORMATION

All applicants must submit proof of education, including evidence of completion of in house training, diplomas, certificates, licenses, etc.

All applicants wishing to renew their Certificate of Fitness shall submit a notarized statement attesting to their knowledge and understanding of any amendments to RCNY §14-06(b)(3) and §27-4031.e of the Fire Code prior to submission of Certificate of Fitness renewal.

Applicants who have failed the written exam will not be allowed to take advantage of this policy. **Qualified applicants must submit all documentation by mail.**

Further questions may be addressed, in writing, to Dr. Jorge Esquilin, Director of Examinations at 9 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201-3857 Room 1S-1A.