

FIRE DEPARTMENT • CITY OF NEW YORK



**Notice of Examination for Use and Discharge of
Fireworks - Pyrotechnist Class A
(E-18)**

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

TITLE: Examination for Use and Discharge of Fireworks - Pyrotechnist Class A (E-18)

Applicants must make an appointment with the Explosive Unit at 718-999-1595 prior to arriving at 9 Metrotech, Brooklyn.

To qualify and make an appointment: paperwork must be submitted in advance to Explosives Unit: Explounit@fdny.nyc.gov

DATE OF TEST: By appointment only Monday through Friday (except legal holidays) 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITTEN EXAM

Applicants who need to take the exam must apply in person and bring the following documents:

1. Applicants must have a reasonable understanding of the English language.
2. Applicant must provide two forms of identifications; at least one form of identification must be government issued photo identification, such as a State-issued Drivers' License or Non Driver's License or a passport.
3. Applicants must present a letter of recommendation from a union and/or employer acceptable to the FDNY Explosives Unit. The letter must be on official letterhead, and must state the applicant's full name, experience and the address where the applicant will work. If the applicants are self-employed or the principal of the company, they must submit a notarized letter attesting to their qualifications. For more info:
 - Sample of recommendation letter:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/business/cof-samplerec-letter.pdf>
 - Sample of self-employed letter:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/business/cof-sample-selfrec-letter.pdf>
4. Applicants must present a completed application for certificate of fitness (A-20 Form).
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/business/cof-application-form.pdf>
5. 2 Passport Size photos
6. Fingerprinting Fee: \$89.75 (Money Order)
7. Resume detailing experience
8. Copies of any Explosives related licenses, training courses/certificates or other Certificate of Fitness from NYC or alternate jurisdictions.
9. Special requirement for the E-18:
 - a. US Citizen
 - b. Must be 21 years of age
 - c. 3 years documented pyrotechnic experience
 - d. submit **two notarized letters** from two FDNY E-18 Certificate of Fitness holders attesting to their experience.

APPLICATION FEE:

Pay the **\$25** application fee in person by one of the following methods:

- Cash
- Credit card (*American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa*)
- Debit card (*MasterCard or Visa*)
- Personal or company check or money order (*made payable to the New York City Fire Department*)

A convenience fee of 2.49% will be applied to all credit card payments.

EXAM INFORMATION

Special Note: Exam will also consist of a series of verbal questions.

Call (718) 999-1988 for additional information and forms.

Please always check for the latest revised booklet at FDNY website before you take the exam.

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/business/cof-e18-noe-study-guide.pdf>

If all the requirements are met and pass the exam a certificate will be issued the same day. Applicant who fails the exam will receive a failure report. To retake the exam applicants will need to submit a new application and payment.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

All renewals must go through the Explosives Unit in order to verify criminal background.

Please note that in person renewals are not recommended. Call the Explosives Unit for more information.

E-18 Certificates of Fitness are valid for a period of **one year** from the date of issuance. At the end of this period, the certificate expires unless the commissioner approves its renewal. Please be advised that certificate renewals shall be at the discretion of the commissioner in the interest of public safety. The department may review the certificate holder's qualifications and fitness. E-18 holders must ensure that their original Certificate of Fitness card is available for inspection at all times by the FDNY.

The renewal fee is \$5. FDNY also reserves the right to require the applicants to take a re-examination upon submission of renewal applications. Certificate of Fitness can be revoked at any time.

You may receive a courtesy notice of renewal 90 days before the expiration date. However, it is your responsibility to renew your Certificate. It is very important to renew your C of F before it expires. Renewals submitted 90 days (up to one year) after the expiration date will incur a \$25 penalty in addition to the renewal fee. Certificates expired over one year past expiration date will not be renewed a new exams will be required.

To change a mailing address:

Submit a letter requesting the change of mailing address and a copy of your C of F and a \$5.00 fee.

To change a work location,

Submit a letter from your current employer (on company letterhead) confirming that you are an employee and stating your new work location with a copy of your C of F and a \$5.00 fee.

To request a replacement certificate:

Submit a driver's license or passport, social security number and mailing address and a \$5.00 fee.

The certificate can be renewed On-line or Mail.

- **Renewal online**

If you are an individual, make sure you have your 12 digit Certificate of Fitness Access ID. This can be found on your Renewal Notice. If you do not have your Renewal Notice, your Access ID is your 8 digit Certificate of Fitness number and the last four digits of your social security number. If you are submitting renewals on behalf of a company's employees, the company must be approved by FDNY and have an 8 digit Company Code. To request approval, email pubrenew@fdny.nyc.gov.

Renewal fee can be paid by one of the following methods:

- Credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa)
- Debit card (MasterCard or Visa)
- E-check

If all the requirements are met, the certificate of fitness will be mailed out within 10 days.

For online renewal go to: <https://a836-citypay.nyc.gov/citypay/FDNYCOF>

- **Renewal by mail**

Mail your Renewal Notice (or if you did not receive a Renewal Notice, a copy of your certificate), along with your fee payment, Personal or company check or money order (made payable to the New York City Fire Department)

NYC Fire Department (FDNY)
Cashier's Unit
9 MetroTech Center, 1st Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

If all the requirements are met, the certificate of fitness will be mailed out within four to six weeks.

FDNY Explosives Unit reserves the right to require applicants to take a re-examination upon submission of renewal applications.

EXAM SITE: FDNY Headquarters, 9 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, NY. Enter through the Flatbush Avenue entrance (between Myrtle Avenue and Tech Place).

