Illinois Individual Explosives License

To qualify for an Individual Explosives License the applicant must:

1. be at least 21 years of age;
2. have not been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;
3. not be under indictment or under information for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;
4. not be a fugitive from justice;
5. not be an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance;
6. not have been adjudicated a mental defective;
7. be a legal citizen of the United States and;
8. have not been dishonorably discharged from the armed services;
9. have no outstanding, unpaid, violations with the Department.

Items required at the time of the exam include:

- Photo identification (driver's license or some other form of State issued I.D.)
- Application (original provided, no duplicates accepted)
- **TWO** passport sized, color photographs taken within the preceding 3 years. Photos should be of the head and shoulders only (No hats or sunglasses, etc.)
- Criminal history background check (fingerprinting)
- Fee of $100 in the form of personal check, certified check, or money order made payable to "Illinois Department of Natural Resources" **MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO TAKE THE EXAM. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

  Groups of applicants using one personal or corporate check, certified check, or money order are urged to ensure that the amount of the aforementioned checks or money order corresponds with the number of individuals attending the training class and taking the explosives licensure exam. Overpayment will not be accepted and will result in the check being returned to the company or person responsible for the check. This will delay the licensing process for the applicants who have successfully completed the examination. The Department suggests that should group checks or money orders be utilized, those forms of payments should be brought on the day of the exam to ensure accuracy and avoid delays in individual explosives license issuance.

Should any of the above the requirements not be met, the Department reserves the right to refuse testing and/or deny the application.

For more information on an Individual Explosives License, the Illinois Explosives Act, training materials, examination locations, and testing dates, access the following link:
https://dnr.illinois.gov/mines/ead/explosiveshandlingstorage.html

A current list of fingerprint vendors can be viewed at:
https://idfprappa.illinois.gov/licenselookup/fingerprintlist.asp

To register for the class and examination, please contact Paul Jaderholm, Individual Explosives License Coordinator, via email at paul.jaderholm@illinois.gov or by phone at (217) 782-9976. Prior registration is required.

Individual Explosives License Applicant Checklist

- ☐ 1. Review license eligibility requirements.
- ☐ 2. Register for class by contacting Paul Jaderholm.
- ☐ 3. Complete background check (fingerprinting) prior to examination.
- ☐ 4. Two recent (within the preceding 3 years), passport size, color photos containing head and shoulders with a light colored, solid background (no hats, sunglasses, etc.).
- ☐ 5. $100 fee in the form of personal check, certified check, or money order payable to "Illinois Department of Natural Resources". **NO CASH**
- ☐ 6. Photo identification (driver's license or some other form of State issued I.D.)