



mineral resources

Department:
Mineral Resources
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

OPENCAST MINES BLASTING CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Refer to the attached payment options and submit proof of payment for the amount of R50,00 with this application.
2. The applicant is required to apply in the Region established by the Minister of Mineral Resources in terms of section 47(2) of Mine Health and Safety Act, where the mine falls under its jurisdiction, DMR Regional office contact details attached.
3. Telephonic enquiries can be directed to the Regional office of the Department of Mineral Resources where the mine falls under its jurisdiction.
4. The following **originally certified copies from South African Police Service (SAPS) not older than three (3) months** must be attached to this application **arranged in the following order**.
 - Identity Document or Passport
 - Academic Qualification (Standard 8, or Grade 10, or N1 Certificate provided that N1 Certificate Holders have 6 subjects to their credit, or ABET Level 3 certificate or equivalent)
 - First Aid Certificate recognized in terms of Minerals Act, Regulation 24.7, in force in terms of schedule 4 of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No. 29 of 1996), as amended
 - Certificate of Fitness to perform work at a mine issued by the Occupational Medical Practitioner (OMP) appointed in terms of section 13(3)(a)(i) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996, as amended
 - Record of service on mine's letterhead with contact details as proof for qualifying number of shifts (indicating start, end date and the number of shifts per competency/outcome) as required by Minerals Act (MA) Regulation 28.41.3 in force in terms of schedule 4 of the Mine Health and Safety Act, as amended
 - The original copy of the Provisional Blasting Certificate of Competency for Opencast Mines, in case the application is for an exchange of the Provisional Blasting Certificate for Opencast Mines to Permanent Blasting Certificate for Opencast Mines.
5. The application must be endorsed by the Manager appointed in terms of section 3(1)(a) of the Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996, as amended.
6. Only in exceptional circumstances, the issuing authority may accept an application for Provisional or Permanent Blasting Certificate for Opencast Mines without the application being endorsed by the Manager appointed in terms of section 3(1)(a) of MHSA.

NB: Incomplete documents will not be considered

The Secretary
Commission of Examiners
NAME OF REGION
P.O. BOX/ PRIVATE BAG
NAME OF CITY/TOWN
POSTAL CODE

Receipt No:
For Office Use Only

SECTION A: INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT

I, the undersigned, _____
(PRINT NAME IN FULL)

(ID NUMBER) (RACE) (GENDER)

(TEL/ MOBILE NUMBER) (E-MAIL ADDRESS)

(POSTAL ADDRESS)

employed at _____
(CURRENT EMPLOYER)

hereby apply to be examined for the Certificate of Competency in respect of (Indicate with "X"):

Provisional Blasting Certificate of Competency for Opencast Mines

Permanent Blasting Certificate of Competency for Opencast Mines

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

SECTION B: ENDORSEMENT BY A MANAGER

I certify that the applicant, _____, has worked the required qualifying opencast shifts in accordance with the regulation acceptable for a Blasting Certificate. I further certify that the applicant has been found competent for assessment and is generally fit and proper person of sober habits to be the holder of a Blasting Certificate and be in charge of explosives.

I am satisfied that the applicant has spent 60 opencast shifts or more on rock breaking or winning of minerals during which time the applicant achieved at least the following competencies/outcome:

1. Making Safe and Declaring the Workplace Safe
2. Cleaning workbench/block
3. Preparing workbench/block
4. Marking-workbench/block
5. Drilling workbench/block
6. Handling Explosives
7. Charging Up
8. Clearing blast area/placing guards
9. Initiating the Blast

I am further satisfied that the applicant has spent the balance of the outstanding qualifying opencast shifts as required by Minerals Act regulation 28.41.3 in force in terms of schedule 4 of Mine Health and Safety Act, 1996 (Act No.29 of 1996) as amended, during which time the applicant also achieved at least the following competencies/outcomes:

1. Cleaning the workbench
2. Loading and hauling and conveying
3. Strata Control
4. Transport of Explosives
5. Emergency Procedures
6. Other Related Blasting Activities
7. Related Health and Safety Procedures/Systems

NAME OF MANAGER
SECT 3(1)(a) APPOINTEE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

ADDRESS OF A MINE

FEES FOR OPENCAST MINES BLASTING CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION:

R50,00

PAYMENT OPTIONS

OPTION 1

Candidates may pay the required amount at any ABSA Bank, Account Number 406176 9154 and use the examination centre where they will be writing their examination as the reference number. The reference numbers are as follows:

Eastern Cape Region (Port Elizabeth & Umtata):	010 206 26 OT 12
Free State Region (Welkom):	010 193 26 OT 12
Gauteng Region (Braamfontein):	010 099 26 OT 12
Kwa-Zulu Natal Region (Durban):	010 204 26 OT 12
Limpopo Region (Polokwane):	010 201 26 OT 12
Mpumalanga Region (Witbank):	010 205 26 OT 12
Northern Cape Region (Kimberley & Springbok):	010 203 26 OT 12
North West Region (Klerksdorp):	010 191 26 OT 12
North West Region (Rustenburg):	010 191 26 OT 10
Western Cape Region (Cape Town):	010 207 26 OT 12

The **original** bank deposit slip must be attached to the application form as proof of payment.

OPTION 2

Candidates may pay the required amount to the cashier at any Regional office of the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). The cashier must be informed that the payment is for examination purposes.

The **original** cashier receipt must be attached to the application form as proof of payment.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

- **Eastern Cape:** (Port Elizabeth), Private Bag X6076, **PORT ELIZABETH**, 6000, Tel No: 041 396 3900
- **Eastern Cape:** (Umtata), Private Bag X5252, **UMTATA**, 5099, Tel No: 047 532 4465
- **Free State:** Private Bag X33, **WELKOM**, 9460, Tel No: 057 391 1300
- **Gauteng:** Private Bag X5, **BRAAMFONTEIN**, 2017, Tel No: 011 358 9700
- **KwaZulu-Natal:** Private Bag X54307, **DURBAN**, 4000, Tel No: 031 335 9600
- **Limpopo:** Private Bag X9467, **POLOKWANE**, 0700, Tel No: 015 287 4700
- **Mpumalanga:** Private Bag X7279, **EMALAHLENI**, 1035, Tel No: 013 653 0500
- **North West:** (Klerksdorp), Private Bag A1, **KLERKSDORP**, 2570, Tel No: 018 487 9867
- **North West:** (Rustenburg) P.O Box 150, **TLHABANE**, 0309, Tel No: 014 594 9240
- **Northern Cape:** (Kimberley), Private Bag X6093, **KIMBERLEY**, 8300, Tel No: 053 807 1700
- **Northern Cape:** (Springbok), Private Bag X14, **SPRINGBOK**, 8240, Tel No: 027 712 8160
- **Western Cape:** Private Bag X9, **ROGGEBAAI**, 8012, Tel No: 021 427 1000