

Fireworks Operator Certificate (F.O.C.)

Application and Renewal

The Explosives Safety and Security Branch of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is now using a new online electronic Licence Management System (eLMS) for managing your explosives licensing needs.

*** We are providing this information solely as a guide to assist you.**

We do NOT manage the application process, please direct all questions or concerns to The Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada 1-855-525-9293

Applying for a New F.O.C.

ERD Links:

[How To Guide](#)
[Electronic License Management System](#)

If you are applying for a fireworks operator certificate (Display Assistant or Pyrotechnician) for the first time you must:

- Be at least 18 years or older
- Successfully complete a safety and legal awareness course for Display Fireworks or Special Effect Pyrotechnics.
- If you want to apply online for a fireworks operator certificate, you will need to be enrolled in eServices.
- Note that you will enroll as an Individual.
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After you have completed your enrolment, you will proceed to the [My Personal Licences, Permits, and Certificates](#) link to apply for a new certificate.

You will need:

- your proof of successful completion of safety and legal awareness course
- A digital photo showing a full front view of your head and shoulders. Use a plain, contrasting background without shadows. No hats. The photos should be recent – taken within the last 12 months
- A way to pay (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or you can choose the option to pay later and send a certified cheque or money order)

Renewing or Upgrading F.O.C.

ERD Links:

[How To Guide](#)

[Electronic License Management System](#)

Renewing your F.O.C.

You will receive a notice by mail, or E-Mail(if registered online) at least 2 months prior to expiry

1. Log into the eLMS
2. Go to the My Personal Licenses, Permits and Certificate Link
3. Click on : View YOUR License,Permits, and Certificates
4. Select the license You wish to change
5. Click on Renew

To Renew Online you will need:

- A digital photo showing a full front view of your head and shoulders. Use a plain, contrasting background without shadows. No hats. The photos should be recent – taken within the last 12 months
- A way to pay (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or you can choose the option to pay later and send a certified cheque or money order by mail)

Upgrading your F.O.C.

To Upgrade your F.O.C. you must Apply to the ERD and meet the requirements outlined below

1. Log into the eLMS
2. Go to the My Personal Licenses, Permits and Certificate Link
3. Click on : View YOUR License,Permits, and Certificates
4. Select the license You wish to change
5. Click on Upgrade

To Upgrade Online you will need:

- A Work Journal
- A letter of Recommendation
- A digital photo showing a full front view of your head and shoulders. Use a plain, contrasting background without shadows. No hats. The photos should be recent – taken within the last 12 months
- A way to pay (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or you can choose the option to pay later and send a certified cheque or money order by mail)

Upgrade Requirements

Level	Requirements
Display Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certification as a Display Assistant - Participated in a minimum of three shows within five years - Letter of recommendation from Lead Supervisor in Charge
Display Supervisor with Endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certification as a Display Supervisor - First endorsement - act as Lead Supervisor in Charge for at least three shows - For each endorsement - participated in at least three shows in the past five years in which you have assisted with displays that include the endorsement - Letter of recommendation from a Lead Supervisor in Charge of a show that includes the endorsement where you participated as crew.
Senior Pyrotechnician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certification as a Pyrotechnician for one year - Work Journal - Letter of recommendation from a Supervisor with a higher certification
Special Effects Pyrotechnician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certification as a Senior Pyrotechnician for one year - Work Journal - Letter of recommendation from a Supervisor with a higher certification
Special Effects Pyrotechnician – detonating cord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certification as a Special Effects Pyrotechnician for one year - Work Journal - Letter of recommendation from a Supervisor with a higher certification - Proof of Security Screening