



***SURFACE BLASTER – (COAL)  
West Virginia Reciprocal Agreement***

**PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

**PRIOR TO SCHEDULING EXAM MUST PROVIDE LETTER OF GOOD  
STANDING FROM RECIPROCATING STATE**

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

**CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *\*Surface Blaster (Coal) - West Virginia RECIPROCITY  
Renewal must be in accordance with BCME Requirements***

This certification authorizes the holder to perform blasting operations and to record blasting examination information concerning blasting operations at surface mines.

**NOTE:** This certification shall not be used in lieu of any other certification.

**APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Application (DM-BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee
- One year of blasting experience (Form DM-BCME-2) on a surface mine under the direction of a certified surface blaster or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines. **NOTE: Experience must be submitted within 5 years of passing the examination. After 5 years records are destroyed. Must reapply if future certification is desired.**
- Hold a General Miner Certification
- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Copy of current West Virginia surface blaster card
- Letter of “good standing” from state of West Virginia
- **Reciprocity can only be used one time to achieve certification**

**\*5 year DMLR recertification required**