

# South Carolina Office of State Marshal Testing, Fees, and Recommended Study Guidelines

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For your convenience, the South Carolina Rules and Regulations (SCRR) are available on the State Fire Marshal's website. You may also order a copy from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Checks must be made payable to the "State of South Carolina" (\$10 per copy).

Any applicant who fails the written test is allowed one re-test after a minimum seven-day waiting period. If an applicant fails the re-test, he must wait at least six months before reapplying.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) manuals must be ordered directly from NFPA. Please call the NFPA at 1-800-344-3555.

## General Testing Information

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- To take a test, applicants must call the Office of State Fire Marshal at 1-803-896-9800 (prior to test date) and provide the following:
  - ✓ Name
  - ✓ Test date
  - ✓ Test type
  - ✓ Company name
  - ✓ Contact information
- Tests are administered at 10 a.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the State Fire Marshal's Office conference room or a classroom site to be determined.
- To enter the test site, students must present picture identification.
- Students arriving after the test begins are not allowed to enter the test site. Late arrivals, or those without an appointment and payment of proper fees, will be required to reschedule.
- Most of the tests are open-book. However, the blasting pretest is closed-book. In this case, no books or materials are permitted in testing site.
- Pencils are provided to each student. As a reminder, no pencils/ pens may be brought into the testing site, only the appropriate books.
- Electronic devices are not permitted in the testing center. This includes laptops, cell phones, calculators, cameras, and scanners.
- Students may take a particular type test only once per test date (i.e. dealer, reseller, fire extinguisher). However, students may take more than one type test on the same day (portable and "D").
- Test results are mailed within two weeks. Results are not revealed after completion of the test.

## Fee Schedule Guidelines

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### Fire Equipment Dealer Licensing/Testing (open-book)

License	Amount
Each Employee	\$50 biennially
Dealer	\$200 biennially

### Liquefied Petroleum Gas (open-book)

License	Amount
Dealer	\$400
Installer	\$200
Reseller	\$150
Cylinder Exchange 1 – 25 Racks	\$200
Cylinder Exchange 26 – 100 Racks	\$400
Cylinder Exchange 101-499 Racks	\$600
Cylinder Exchange 500 – 999 Racks	\$800
Cylinder Exchange 1000 or more Racks	\$1000
Transport	\$500
Utility Plant	\$500
Test for License	\$25 (each time)

### Fireworks and Pyrotechnics (open-book)

License Fees: License	Amount
Pyrotechnic Operator Unrestricted License	\$300
Pyrotechnic Operator Commercial Outdoor License	\$200
Pyrotechnic Operator Rockets License	\$100
Pyrotechnic Operator Motion Picture SFX License	\$300
Pyrotechnic Operator Trainee License	\$100
Pyrotechnic Operator Commercial Indoor License	\$200
Test for License	\$25 (each time)

### Current Permit Fees:

*Applications for permits must be received in the Office of State Fire Marshal fifteen (15) days prior to performance date, or application fees are automatically doubled in accordance with SCRR 71-8305.3(B).*

Permit	Amount
1 – 30 Days Commercial Outdoor	\$100
1 – 30 Days Proximate Audience	\$250
1 – 180 Days Commercial Outdoor or Proximate Audience	\$500
1 – 365 Days Commercial Outdoor or Proximate Audience	\$1000
Motion Picture SFX Permit	\$500

**Continuing Education:** Every two years, each licensed operator is required to attend training offered by the Office of State Fire Marshal or attend pre-approved training providing a total of eight (8) hours of continuing education during the licensing cycle.

### **Blaster Testing - open book (pretest is closed-book)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Background Check	\$25 each employee
License (each employee)	\$250 annually

**Note:** *All licensed blasters must attend at least four (4) hours of continuing education acceptable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Certificates of training or other proof of training attendance must be provided when requested by the Office of State Fire Marshal.*

# STUDY GUIDELINES

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## Portable Fire Extinguisher Exam (Class A, B, C)

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Two-hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 10, 2010 Edition
- SCRR Sub Article 4

## Pre-engineered Fixed Suppression Systems Exam (Class D)

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Two-hour limit, open-book exam. Please specify which system exam you are taking.

The following licensing exams are offered:

- Kitchen Hoods
  - Paint Booths
  - Foam Systems
  - Halon Systems
  - Clean Agents
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- NFPA 96, 2008 Edition
  - NFPA 10, 2010 Edition
  - NFPA 11, 2005 Edition
  - NFPA 12, 2008 Edition
  - NFPA 12A, 2009 Edition
  - NFPA 17, 2009 Edition
  - NFPA 17A, 2009 Edition
  - NFPA 2001, 2008 Edition
  - SCRR Sub Article 4
  - International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2009 Edition
  - International Fire Code (IFC), 2009 Edition

## LP Gas Licensing Exams

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### LP Gas Reseller/Driver Test

Two-hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 58, 2008 Edition

### LP Gas Dealer/Installer Test

Two-hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 54, 2009 Edition
- NFPA 58, 2008 Edition
- NFPA 59, 2008 Edition
- SCRR Sub-article 5
- State Statute 40-82-70

## Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Exams

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### Proximate Audience Pyrotechnics

Two-hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 1126, 2006 Edition
- SCRR Sub Article 6

### Public Fireworks Display

Two-hour limit, open-book exam

- SCRR Sub Article 6
- NFPA 1123, 2010 Edition
- NFPA 1126, 2006 Edition

# Explosives Exams

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## State Regulations and Laws Pre-Test

20-minute limit, closed-book exam

### **Unlimited License (Class A)**

Three hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 495, 2010 Edition
- The Other Building Boom, ISEE
- ISEE Blasters Handbook, 17th Edition
- Introduction to the Technology of Explosives, ISEE
- 29 CFR, Part 1926, Subpart T
- SCRR Sub Article 3
- State Statute 23-36 (Explosives Control Act)
- Modern Trends in Tunneling & Blast Design

### **General Aboveground License (Class B)**

Three hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 495, 2010 Edition
- ISEE Blasters Handbook, 17th Edition
- SCRR Sub Article 3
- State Statute 23-36 (Explosives Control Act)

### **General Underground License (Class C)**

Two hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 495, 2010 Edition
- ISEE Blasters Handbook, 17th Edition
- SCRR Sub Article 3
- State Statute 23-36 (Explosives Control Act)
- Modern Trends in Tunneling & Blast Design

### **Demolition License (Class D)**

Three hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 495, 2010 Edition
- The Other Building Boom, ISEE
- ISEE Blasters Handbook, 17th Edition
- Introduction to the Technology of Explosives, ISEE
- 29 CFR, Part 1926, Subpart T
- SCRR Sub Article 3
- State Statute 23-36 (Explosives Control Act)

### **Agriculture License (Class F)**

Two hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 495, 2010 Edition
- ISEE Blasters Handbook, 17th Edition
- SCRR Sub Article 3
- State Statute 23-36 (Explosives Control Act)

### **Special License (Class G)**

Two hour limit, open-book exam

- NFPA 495, 2010 Edition
- ISEE Blasters Handbook, 17th Edition
- SCRR Sub Article 3
- State Statute 23-36 (Explosives Control Act)