

U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Application for Explosives License/Permit

All responsible persons must complete an Explosives Responsible Person Questionnaire, ATF Form 5400.27. Your federal explosives license or permit (FEL/P) will be delayed or denied if Form 5400.27 is incomplete or missing.

For ATF use only

Please print or type all information.

1. Applicant's name (*list individual, corporation, LLC, or name of each partner*)2. Trade name or business name (*if any*)3. Employer Identification number (EIN) or Social Security number (SSN)(*voluntary*)(*see Privacy Act information*)

4. County in which business is located

5. Premises address (*number, street, city, state, ZIP code*)6. Mailing address (*if different from premises address*)7. Contact information (*10-digit phone number*)(*please use check box to indicate your 24-hour contact number*)☐ Business☐ Mobile☐ Fax☐ Other

8. Email address

9. Are you presently engaged in a business and/or operations for which a FEL/P is required under 18 U.S.C., chapter 40, Explosives? (*if yes, provide date business began*) | Yes/date: _____ ☐ No10. Is or will your business and/or operations be: (*check appropriate box*)☐ Sole proprietor ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation ☐ Limited liability company ☐ Other (*specify*) _____

11. Payment

You may submit payment only via **www.pay.gov**. (*for information on pay.gov submission, see instruction #4*)

Important: After completing the payment process through *pay.gov*, record information from *pay.gov* transaction below and print payment confirmation page. You must include a copy of your *pay.gov* payment confirmation with your application. Your *pay.gov* transaction is only the payment part of the process. You must still complete the remainder of the application and submit it. Include a copy of your *pay.gov* payment confirmation with application. **Note:** ATF will return payments it receives by mail and will not process the associated application.

Pay.gov transaction ID number: _____

Amount paid: _____

Pay.gov payment date: _____

Complete the rest of this form and email it to **FELC@atf.gov** or
submit by mail to **ATF-FELC; 244 Needy Rd; Martinsburg, WV 25405**

12. This application is for a FEL/P under 18 U.S.C., chapter 40, as an: (see definitions 4–8)

Explosives license	Fee	Renewal fee	Explosives permit	Fee	Renewal fee
Manufacturer: (check the types of explosives you plan to manufacture) ☐ High explosives ☐ Theatrical flash powder ☐ Blasting agents ☐ Low explosives ☐ Fireworks ☐ Other (specify) _____	\$200	\$100	Explosives user (check the types of explosives you plan to use) ☐ High explosives ☐ Blasting agents ☐ Low explosives ☐ Fireworks ☐ Other (specify) _____	\$100	\$50
Importer: (check the types of explosives you plan to import) ☐ High explosives ☐ Blasting agents ☐ Low explosives ☐ Fireworks ☐ Other (specify) _____	\$200	\$100	Limited permit: (intrastate only) (check the types of explosives you plan to use) ☐ High explosives ☐ Blasting agents ☐ Low explosives ☐ Fireworks ☐ Other (specify) _____	\$25	\$12
Dealer: (check the types of explosives you plan to deal in) ☐ High explosives ☐ Blasting agents ☐ Black powder ☐ Low explosives ☐ Fireworks ☐ Other (specify) _____	\$200	\$100			
				12a. Total fees	\$

Is a state or local license/permit required for explosive business or operations? (if yes, provide license/permit numbers; if applied for license/permit, but not yet obtained, provide application date)

☐ Yes/numbers or date _____ ☐ No

14. The applicant's business or operations premises are:

☐ Owned ☐ Leased/rented ☐ Other (specify) _____

15. The applicant's business or operation is located in:

☐ A commercial building ☐ A residence ☐ Other (specify) _____

16. Operation hours and/or business activity available hours (please provide at least one hour in which you may be contacted by ATF personnel)							
Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Open							
Closed							

Storage facility/magazine: 18 U.S.C. § 842(j) provides: "It shall be unlawful for any person to store any explosive material in a manner not in conformity with regulations promulgated by the Attorney General." An application for a license/permit can be denied if, upon investigation, ATF finds that any storage facilities/magazines do not comply with federal regulations.

17. Please indicate the total number and type of explosives storage magazine(s) you have and the address(es) where they are located: (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Address, including county, state, and zip code	Type 1 permanent	Type 2 mobile/portable	Type 3 portable temporary	Type 4 low explosives	Type 5 blasting agents

18. If the applicant has no storage facilities, list the name and license/permit number of the entity providing contingency storage location and attach contingency storage agreement letter. *(see instruction 11)*

19. Does user permit applicant intend to transport explosive materials in interstate or foreign commerce? *(if yes, state where)*

☐ N/A ☐ No ☐ Yes _____

20. Does user permit applicant intend to purchase explosive materials in interstate or foreign commerce? *(if yes, state where)*

☐ N/A ☐ No ☐ Yes _____

21. Do you intend to deal in black powder? Do you have a federal firearms license? *(if yes, provide the federal firearms license number)*

☐ No ☐ Yes-federal firearms license # _____

Certification

22. Under the penalties imposed by 18 U.S.C. § 844, I certify that the answers are true, correct, and complete. I also certify that I am familiar with all published state laws and local ordinances relating to explosive materials for the location in which I intend to do business. In addition, if the application is for a limited permit, I certify that I will not receive explosives materials on more than six separate occasions during the 12-month period for which my limited permit is valid.

Signature	Title	Date
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23. Application is ☐ Approved ☐ Withdrawn* ☐ Disapproved* <i>*(fee will be refunded)</i>	Reason for disapproval/termination
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Licensing official's signature	Date
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Submit all applications to:
FELC@atf.gov or
ATF National Services Center
Federal Explosives Licensing Center
244 Needy Road
Martinsburg, WV 25405

Instructions

1. Your FEL/P under 18 U.S.C., chapter 40, will be delayed if you omit or incorrectly pay the fee or amount, if you don't complete the application, or do not properly prepare it. You should submit this application at least 90 days prior to the time you need the license/permit.
2. **Completing and submitting form.** You may complete and sign this form electronically or print/type it legibly (blue or black ink) as a paper form. Submit the form and a copy of the receipt from *pay.gov* to ATF by email or mail at the addresses at the top of this page.
Caution: Submitting this application does not authorize you to engage in any of the activities covered by the requested license/permit. You must receive the license/permit before you commence operations.
3. If you need separate sheets to respond to the questions, you must identify them with your name and address at the top of the page and reference the question number being explained. If submitting electronically, you may include the pages in the same file as the application or as separate files.
4. **Paying fees.** Total application fees must be paid via *www.pay.gov*. You must record the *pay.gov* payment transaction number in item 11 on the front of this application and include a copy of the receipt from *pay.gov* with your application. Please keep a copy of the *pay.gov* payment confirmation that you receive from *pay.gov* for your records. ATF will return applications mailed with other forms of payment without processing them. Licenses/permits are issued for a period of three years; ATF will not refund of any part of a license or permit fee if the license/permit operations are, for any reason, discontinued for that period.
11. For item 18, you must include a "contingency storage agreement" for explosive materials that cannot be used within the same day you receive them. For example, a letter from an explosives licensee/permittee having approved storage facilities available for you to use as needed would be a sufficient "contingency storage agreement."
12. **Certifying form.** Someone who will be a responsible person for the business, such as the owner or a partner, must sign the certification statement in item 22. In the case of a corporation, association, etc., this can be an officer duly authorized to sign for the applying entity.
13. **Questions. If you have questions about this application, please contact ATF's Federal Explosives Licensing Center at (877) 283-3352, by email at FELC@atf.gov, or by mail at National Services Center; 244 Needy Road; Martinsburg, WV 25405 -- or review information online at www.atf.gov.**
14. **Approval/withdrawal/denial.** If ATF approves the application, the Federal Explosives Licensing Center will issue and send you a FEL/P. If ATF denies the application, you will receive notice of the reason(s). If you abandon or withdraw the application, or it's denied ATF will refund your application fee. However, we must have a social security number or employer identification number to process a refund request.

Definitions

5. A separate or additional license is not required for storage facilities operated by the applicant as an integral part of their business premises, or to cover a location used by the applicant solely for maintaining required records.
6. Only one user permit per person is required under this part, irrespective of the number of explosive materials locations the permittee operates.
7. A separate application and **license** fee are required for each premises at which a person engages in the business of manufacturing, importing, or dealing in explosives materials.
8. Licensed manufacturers or importers don't also need a dealer's license to engage in business as a dealer on their licensed premises. Licensed manufacturers do not need a separate license for on-site manufacturing.
1. **Alien.** An alien means any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States.
2. **Responsible person.** An individual who has the power to direct the management and policies of the applicant pertinent to explosive materials. For example, responsible persons generally include sole proprietors and explosives facility site managers. In the case of a corporation, association, or similar organization, responsible persons generally include corporate directors and officers, as well as stockholders who have managerial powers and enforce policies.
3. **Employee possessor.** An employee possessor is an individual who has **actual or constructive possession** of explosive materials during the course of their employment.
Actual possession exists when a person is in immediate possession or control of explosive materials (*e.g., an employee who physically handles explosive materials as part of the production process; an employee who handles explosive materials in order to ship, transport, or sell them; or an employee, such as a blaster, who actually uses explosive materials*).
Constructive possession exists when an employee lacks direct physical control over explosive materials, but knowingly has the power and intention to exercise dominion and control over the explosive materials, either directly or indirectly through others (*e.g., an employee at construction site who keeps keys for magazines in which explosive materials are stored or who directs the use of explosive materials by other employees*).

Additional required documents

9. All responsible persons must complete an Explosives Responsible Person Questionnaire, ATF Form 5400.27, which must accompany this application. Your license/permit will be delayed or denied if Form 5400.27 is incomplete or missing.
10. All employee possessors must complete an Explosives Employee Possessor Questionnaire, ATF Form 5400.28, which must accompany this application.

You must immediately contact ATF to report lost or stolen explosives
Call toll free: 1-888-ATF-BOMB

4. **User permit.** A user permit authorizes the holder, on a continuing basis, to acquire for their own use and not for resale, explosive materials from an explosives licensee in interstate or foreign commerce, and to transport explosive materials so acquired in interstate or foreign commerce. A user permit is issued for three years and is renewable.
5. **Limited permit.** A limited permit authorizes the holder to receive for their use explosive materials from a licensee/permittee in their state of residence on no more than six occasions during the 12-month period in which the permit is valid. A limited permit does not authorize the person to receive or transport explosive materials in interstate or foreign commerce.
6. **Manufacturer.** Any person engaged in the business of manufacturing explosive materials for sale or distribution or for their own use.
7. **Importer.** Any person engaged in the business of importing or bringing explosive materials into the United States for purposes of sale or distribution.
8. **Dealer.** Any person engaged in the business of distributing explosive materials at wholesale or retail.
9. **High explosives.** Explosive materials which can be caused to detonate by means of a blasting cap when unconfined (*for example, dynamite*).
10. **Low explosives.** Explosive materials that can be caused to deflagrate when confined (*for example, black powder*).
11. **Blasting agents.** Any material or mixture, consisting of fuel and oxidizer, intended for blasting, not otherwise defined as an explosive; if the finished product, as mixed for use or shipment, cannot be detonated by means of a number 8 test blasting cap when unconfined (*for example, ammonium nitrate fuel oil*).

Note: There are five broad categories of explosives licenses and permits that will determine the type of business each licensee/permittee is engaged in: explosives manufacturer, dealer, importer, user, and limited permit (intrastate only).

Exceptions

1. A person who has been convicted of a felony, or any other crime, for which the judge could have imprisoned the person for more than one year, is not prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving explosives if: (1) the conviction was properly invalidated by a court on the basis that the conviction was unconstitutional; (2) in the case of a Federal conviction, the person received a Presidential pardon; or (3) ATF granted relief from federal explosives disabilities under 18 U.S.C. § 845(b).
2. For purposes of this form, aliens can be responsible persons if they are lawful permanent residents, lawful non-immigrants, or refugees/asylees. 18 U.S.C. §§ 842(d)(7) and 842(i)(5).

Privacy Act Information

The following information is provided pursuant to Sections 3 and 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3));

1. **Authority.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) solicits this information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 842 and 843, and implements the requirements through regulations at 27 CFR part 555. The applicant must disclose this information if they wish to obtain a federal explosives license or permit.
2. **Purpose.** ATF uses the information collected on ATF Form 5400.13/5400.16 to identify the applicant; to identify the premises' location; to determine the applicant's eligibility for the requested license/permit; to determine the business or operations' ownership; and to identify business or operations' Responsible Persons.
3. **Routine uses.** ATF may disclose the collected information as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a) and in accordance with System of Records Notice (SORN) JUSTICE/ATF-008, Regulatory Enforcement Record System. It may be shared with federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies for purposes including criminal investigations, inspections, compliance monitoring, and national security, to the extent such disclosure is authorized by law. Finally, the information may be disclosed to members of the public to verify the information on the application where such disclosure is not prohibited by law.
4. **Effects of not supplying the requested information.** Failing to supply complete information will delay processing and may cause ATF to deny the application.
5. **Disclosing Social Security Number (SSN).** Disclosing your SSN to ATF is voluntary. Under 18 U.S.C. §§ 842(f) and 843, and Executive Order 9397 (November 22, 1943), ATF has the authority to solicit an individual's SSN to verify the individual's identity. If you choose not to submit your SSN, it may delay the license/permit.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This request is in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. ATF uses the information collection to determine the applicant's eligibility to engage in certain operations, to determine the location and extent of operations, and to determine whether the operations will be in conformity with federal laws and regulations. The information requested is required to obtain or retain a benefit and is mandated by statute (18 U.S.C. § 843).

The estimated average burden associated with this collection is 1 hour and 30 minutes per respondent or record-keeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to Reports Management Officer, Resource Management Staff; Contract and Forms Section; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; 99 New York Avenue, NE; Washington, DC 20226.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management Budget control number.