



**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE**  
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**APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR FIREWORKS, PROXIMATE PYROTECHNICS, OR FLAME EFFECTS  
 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

**(Certifications expire three years from the date of issuance.)**

(Pursuant to Title 68, Chapter 104, Tennessee Code Annotated)

CERTIFICATION FEE: **\$100 for each certification, \$200 maximum.** \$20 of each certification is non-refundable.  
 (Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Department of Commerce and Insurance.)

**Print or type. All questions must be answered before the application will be processed. An incomplete application may result in non-issuance of the certification.**

Check each operator certification desired:     Outdoor Display     Proximate Pyrotechnic     Flame Effects

Name of Operator \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different than mailing address)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Must be at least 21 years of age)

Have you been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to any state or federal felony?     Yes     No  
 If yes, provide additional information. Include (1) date, (2) charge, (3) place, (4) court, and (5) action taken.

Submit three (3) completed VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE FOR FIREWORKS/PYROTECHNICS/FLAME EFFECTS OPERATOR CERTIFICATION forms for **each** certification desired. All forms must be signed by the event operator or authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

Once the application has been reviewed and approved, the applicant must take and pass the state exam for each certification area desired. If the applicant is eligible for testing, the applicant will be contacted and told how to register for the exam. It is the applicant's responsibility to acquire all materials needed for the exam.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FIREWORKS LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT ALL ANSWERS GIVEN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE



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**VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE FOR FIREWORKS/PYROTECHNICS/FLAME EFFECTS  
OPERATOR CERTIFICATION  
(To be submitted with Operator's Application)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**APPLICANT : USE SEPARATE FORMS FOR EACH EVENT (3 required).** Proof of work under competent supervision of three (3) displays within the three (3) years immediately preceding the application must be provided for each operator classification applied for. Print or type all information. The event operator or authority having jurisdiction must sign the statement for each display to be considered for approval. **ALL REFERENCES MUST BE VERIFIABLE.**

**EVENT OPERATOR or AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION:** Review the information provided by the applicant. If the information is adequate, sign the statement at the bottom confirming competency.

*Event Operator:* The person having knowledge and ability to safely assemble and discharge fireworks/pyrotechnics/flame effects with supervisory responsibility of the event.

*Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ):* An individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, installations, or procedures (as defined by the National Fire Protection Association).

Date of Display: _____		Name of Display: _____	
Display Location (City, County, State): _____			
Name of Applicant: _____		Type of Display: <input type="checkbox"/> Proximate <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor <input type="checkbox"/> Flame Effects	
Applicant's Duty(s): _____ _____ _____			
Name of Event Operator: _____		Name of the AHJ: _____	
Event Operator's Address: _____ _____ _____		AHJ's Address: _____ _____ _____	
Event Operator's Phone Number: (     )		AHJ's Phone Number: (     )	

I have acted as (circle one) event operator / authority having jurisdiction for this event, and I am competent in the knowledge of standards, codes and safety regulations for the type of display indicated above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Fireworks Display Operator Study Material**

The reference materials should be limited to the 2006 edition of NFPA 1123, Fireworks Display Code, the 2006 edition of NFPA 160, Standard for use of Flame Effect before an Audience, the 2006 edition of NFPA 1126, Standard of Use of Pyrotechnics Close Proximate before an Audience and the Tennessee Laws, Rules and Regulations. If you need study materials you may call N.F.P.A. at 1-800-344-3555.



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**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation Instructions**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If you are a natural person applying for a license, registration, certification or other benefit you must:

1. Attest, under penalty of perjury, to your status as either a United States citizen, a qualified alien as defined in Tennessee's Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act, or a foreign national not physically present in the United States, by selecting your status in Part A below signing on the line labeled "Applicant's Signature," printing your name on the line labeled "Printed Name" and putting the current date on the line labeled "Date."

**AND**

**Do one (1) of the following:**

2. If you are claiming United States citizenship, present one (1) of the forms of identification provided for in Part B below. **If you provided your Social Security Number as part of your application for licensure, registration, certificate or other benefit, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number.**
3. If you are claiming qualified alien status, you **MUST** present two (2) forms of documentation (front and back) of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program, as provided in Part C below. **(Failure to provide two forms of documentation as described will result in a delay to determining eligibility for licensure.)**
4. If you are claiming qualified alien status but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation provided for in Part C of this form, then you shall present at least one (1) such document that shall then be verified through the SAVE program.  
or
5. If you are claiming you are foreign national not physically present in the United States, contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.

**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation**

**Part A. Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Attestation**

**I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that I am (select one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ A United States citizen;

\_\_\_\_\_ A qualified alien as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-58-102;<sup>1</sup>  
**Driver's license and Social Security card are not acceptable documentation under part C below.**

\_\_\_\_\_ A foreign national not physically present in the United States. Further, I understand that should I ever become physically present in the United States while I hold this license, registration, certification or other benefit I agree to immediately contact the issuing agency and provide documentation to confirm my status as a qualified alien.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Submitting false information or omitting pertinent or material information in connection with this application or any violation of the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act may result in the revocation of any license, registration, certification or other benefit issued to the applicant. A person who willfully makes a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation of United States citizenship may be prosecuted under 18 U.S.C. § 911 and/or the False Claims Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-18-101, *et seq.***

<sup>1</sup> Qualified alien means "A qualified alien as defined by 8 U.S.C. § 1641(b)" or "An alien or nonimmigrant eligible to receive state or local public benefits under 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a)." Pursuant to those statutes, this includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- An alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.];
- An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1158];
- A refugee who is admitted to the United States under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C.A. § 1157];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)] for a period of at least 1 year;
- An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1253] (as in effect immediately before the effective date of section 307 of division C of Public Law 104-208) or section 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3)] (as amended by section 305(a) of division C of Public Law 104-208);
- An alien who is granted conditional entry pursuant to section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1153(a)(7)] as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;
- An alien who is a Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section 501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980);
- A nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, *et seq.*];
- An alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. § 1182 (d)(5)] for less than one year.

**Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act Additional Required Documentation**

**Part B. If you are claiming United States citizenship, you must present one (1) of the following:**

- A valid Tennessee driver license or photo identification license issued by the Department of Safety;
- A valid driver license or photo identification license from another state where the issuance requirements are at least as strict as those in Tennessee, as determined by the Department of Safety;
- An official birth certificate issued by a state, jurisdiction or territory of the United States, including Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, or Guam; provided that Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010, shall **not** be recognized;
- A United States government-issued certified birth certificate;
- A valid, unexpired United States passport;
- A United States certificate of birth abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545);
- A report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States (FS-240);
- A certificate of citizenship (N560 or N561);
- A certificate of naturalization (N550, N570 or N578);
- A United States citizen identification card (I-197, I-179);
- Any successor document of those listed at Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-58-103(c)(4)-(9); or
- **A social security number that may be verified with the Social Security Administration in accordance with federal law (if you provided your social security number as part of your application for licensure, no additional documentation is required; however, please be aware that efforts may be made to verify any such number).**

**Part C. If you are claiming qualified alien status, you must present two (2) forms of documentation of identity and immigration status, as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable for verification through the SAVE program. Such forms of identification may include:**

- I-327 (Reentry Permit);
- I-551 (Permanent Resident Card);
- I-571 (Refugee Travel Document);
- I-766 (Employment Authorization Card);
- Certificate of Citizenship;
- Naturalization Certificate;
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa (with Temporary I-551 Language);
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94);
- Unexpired Foreign Passport;
- WT/WB Admission Stamp in Unexpired Foreign Passport
- I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status);
- DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status);
- Any other document determined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be acceptable through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program created pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

**Part D. If you are claiming qualified alien status, but you are unable to present two (2) forms of documentation as described in Part C, then you shall present at least one (1) such document as described in Part C, which shall then be verified through the SAVE program.**

**Part E. If you are claiming that you are a foreign national not physically present in the United States, please contact the program issuing the license, registration, certification or other benefit for which you are applying to provide such documentation as may be required to verify such status.**