



**Department of Labor & Workforce Development  
Workplace Regulations and Compliance**

**Mine Safety Unit**

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**STATE MINING LICENSES**

Underground Mines \$500.00  
Surface Mines \$250.00

**APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE A MINE**

<b>For Department Use Only</b>	
<b>Date Approved</b>	_____
<b>License No.</b>	_____
<b>New License</b>	_____
<b>Renewal License</b>	_____
<b>Expiration Date</b>	_____

Name of Firm or Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box/Street City State Zip

Location of Mine \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Date mine opened \_\_\_\_\_ Name or No. of Mine \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Land leased from \_\_\_\_\_ No. of acres leased \_\_\_\_\_

President or principle executive \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

Former License No. \_\_\_\_\_ If change of ownership, former name \_\_\_\_\_

Materials Mined \_\_\_\_\_ Seam/Seams Mined \_\_\_\_\_ (UG) \_\_\_\_\_ (S) \_\_\_\_\_

Number employed \_\_\_\_\_ No. of shifts per 24 hours \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR UNDERGROUND ONLY**

Are mine workings closer than 500 feet to an oil or gas well? YES No

Is solid blasting permitted YES No What type of explosives are used? \_\_\_\_\_

No. of mine openings: Drifts \_\_\_\_\_ Slopes \_\_\_\_\_ No. of ventilation fans \_\_\_\_\_



Is ventilation system connected with any other mine?      YES      No      If YES explain:

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THE STATE OF TENNESSEE MINE AND MINING LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 59 MINES & MINING**

**59-1-115. ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED FOR MINE OPERATION.**

(a) The owner or operator of each mine shall procure from the Department of Labor, Division of Mines, a license to operate a mine, and the license shall not be transferable. Any person who assumes control of a mine, opens a new mine, or reopens an abandoned mine shall procure a license to operate the mine before mining operations are begun. All licenses are valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed annually.

**59-1-117. FAILURE TO OBTAIN LICENSE.**

Any owner or operator operating a mine and who fails to obtain a license as required by Section 59-1-115 and 59-1-116 shall forfeit the right to operate a mine in this state, and the commissioner of labor or his designated agent shall have the authority to close the mine until the license is obtained as provided for by those sections.

**UNDERGROUND LICENSE FEE      \$500.00**  
**SURFACE LICENSE FEE              \$250.00**

**FEE PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**