

Assess explosives licence applications

Overview

You must demonstrate the health, safety and environmental and other statutory legislation, regulations, safe working practices and procedures governing explosives and their implications for your area of work.

You must know and understand: the relevance of personal protective equipment (PPE); the nature, characteristics, hazards and risks of the explosive substance and/or article; the actions to be taken in response to an unplanned event; your own licensing authority's policy and procedure; the applicant organization's business objectives and modus operandi; the purposes of the explosives facility; the purpose of safeguarding; when to refer the application to another licensing authority; the licensing criteria; when and why it might be appropriate to impose conditions and/or caveats, or amend or withdraw the licence; the sanctions available to your licensing authority; when and why it might be appropriate to consult local authorities and your level of authority in granting, amending or withdrawing the licence.

This activity is likely to be undertaken by someone whose work role involves Weapons, Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives work activities. This includes individuals working as explosives safety managers, advisers and regulators.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 work safely at all times, complying with health and safety, environmental and other relevant regulations, legislation and guidelines
 - P2 confirm that the information to support the application is complete
 - P3 confirm the acceptability of the separation distances to all exposed sites
 - P4 obtain confirmation from experts that the facility is fit for purpose
 - P5 impose appropriate conditions and/or caveats
 - P6 ensure that your assessments are based on an analysis of the available information
 - P7 recommend granting, withdrawal or amending the licence according to your organization's procedures
 - P8 document your decisions, according to your organization's requirements
 - P9 obtain appropriate approval to your submission

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the health, safety and environmental and other statutory legislation, regulations, safe working practices and procedures governing explosives, and their implications for your area of work
- K2 the relevance of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- K3 the nature, characteristics, hazards and risks of the explosive substance and/or article
- K4 the actions to be taken in response to an unplanned event
- K5 your own licensing authority's policy and procedure
- K6 the applicant organization's business objectives and modus operandi
- K7 the purposes of the explosives facility
- K8 the purpose of safeguarding
- K9 when to refer the application to another licensing authority
- K10 the licensing criteria
- K11 when and why it might be appropriate to impose conditions and/or caveats or amend or withdraw the licence
- K12 the sanctions available to your licensing authority
- K13 when and why it might be appropriate to consult local authorities
- K14 your level of authority in granting, amending or withdrawing the licence

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Scope/range

- 1 Licences: granting; withdrawal; amendment
- 2 Applications: straightforward; not straightforward

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