

General fireworks display operators are required to obtain operator certification from the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) as specified in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 837-012-790. Certification allows the operator to shoot a general fireworks display provided the display is otherwise in conformance with OAR 837-012-700 through 837-012-970.

A general display is a fireworks display held outdoors that utilizes 1.3g fireworks. 1.3g fireworks are primarily aerial fireworks. A general fireworks display may include 1.4g fireworks or special effects fireworks, however, all requirements for general fireworks displays must be met.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
90 DAYS BEFORE FIRST
DISPLAY DATE

Applications may be obtained from the OSFM, the wholesaler from whom the applicant intends to purchase their fireworks, or by visiting the OSFM website at www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/.

Applications must be submitted a minimum of 90 days prior to the date of the first general fireworks display for which the applicant intends to be the operator.

FEE SCHEDULE

No fee required.

APPLICABLE STATUTES, RULES,
AND OTHER REFERENCES

Oregon Revised Statutes 480.010 through 480.290, and 480.990.

Oregon Administrative Rules 837-012-700 through 837-012-970.

National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123 - Display of Fireworks.

VALID DATES

Certification is valid for three years unless revoked or suspended.

REQUIREMENTS

To be obtain certification, applicants are required to meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Participate in three (3) or more Oregon displays in three years or less, completing the following minimum duties:
 - Installation of Mortars
 - Loading Shells
 - Clean-up and Inspection of site
 - Note: Firing Display (required on at least one display)
- Submit an Application For Operator Certification to substantiate work experience on three (3) or more Oregon displays.
- Pass a written examination, administered by the OSFM, with a score of 80% or more. The examination assesses the applicant's knowledge of Oregon's fireworks display statutes and administrative rules and safety procedures for displays.
- Complete one training course approved by the OSFM.

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION

Allow 90 days from date of submission for certification to be issued.

GENERAL

The operator is in charge of the general fireworks display. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure the display conforms with the requirements of OAR 837-012-700 through 837-012-970 and any other applicable safety codes and regulations including:

- Assuring the permit requirements are followed.
- Prohibiting persons under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or drugs that could adversely affect judgment, movement or stability from entering the discharge area.
- Assuring smoking does not occur within 50 feet of any areas where there are fireworks.
- Allowing only authorized persons in the discharge area.
- 1.3g fireworks are allowed to be discharged only by the operator and the assistant. The operator, assistant and permit holder are not allowed to provide fireworks to any other persons attending the display.
- Preventing the existence of a fire hazard at any location under their control.

AFTER SHOW REPORTING

Following each general fireworks display, the operator in charge of the display shall complete an after show report on forms provided by the OSFM, certifying the information contained in the report is accurate.

The report is to be submitted within 10 days of the display. Certification and/or future permits may be denied, suspended, and/or revoked for false reporting.

RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION

Renewal notices are sent to certificate holders with adequate time for the renewal certification to be completed prior to expiration of their current certification. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the current certification. The application must contain the following information:

- Participate in three (3) or more Oregon displays in three years or less, completing the following minimum duties: Installation of Mortars; Loading Shells; and Clean-up and Inspection of site.
- Submit an Application For Operator Certification to substantiate work experience on three (3) or more Oregon displays.
- Complete one training course approved by the OSFM.
- The required displays and training course must have been completed in the three years immediately preceding the expiration date of applicant's current certification. If the applicant allows their certification to expire without applying for re-certification, they will also be required to take and pass the operator certification examination.

For more information or additional copies of this brochure, contact the Office of State Fire Marshal at (503) 934-8274.

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION FOR 1.3G GENERAL FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

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