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changes that have occurred in the topics specified in §850.13(b) of this chapter since the applicant last completed a course that was accepted by OSM for the issuance or reissuance of an OSM blaster certificate. If OSM determines that no significant changes have occurred, OSM may waive this requirement; and

(2) Have obtained from the training provider satisfactory evidence that he or she has completed training in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(c) *Availability.* OSM shall ensure that courses are available as provided in §850.13(b) of this chapter to train persons subject to this part who are responsible for the use of explosives in surface coal mining operations.

§ 955.13 Application.

(a) *Submission procedures.* Any person seeking an OSM blaster certificate shall:

(1) Complete and submit to OSM an application on the form prescribed by paragraph (b) of this section;

(2) Include as part of the application a nonrefundable fee as follows:

(i) Issuance or reissuance.....	\$122
(ii) Reexamination	\$61
(iii) Renewal.....	\$61
(iv) Replacement.....	\$28
(v) Reciprocity	\$61;

(3) For certificate issuance or reissuance, include as part of the application satisfactory evidence of having completed training as provided in §955.12;

(4) For certificate issuance or reissuance, specify in the application the date when the applicant desires to take a previously scheduled examination; and

(5) Submit the application in advance of the date of examination, or of certificate expiration, as follows:

(i) For certificate issuance, not less than 60 days before the date on which the applicant desires to take a previously scheduled examination;

(ii) For certificate renewal, not less than 60 days before the expiration date of the applicant's current certificate;

(iii) For certificate reissuance, not less than 60 days before the date on which the applicant desires to take a previously scheduled examination that

will be held at least 60 days before the expiration date of the applicant's current certificate; or

(iv) For a certificate through reciprocity, not less than 45 days before the expiration date of the applicant's current certificate.

(b) *Application form.* OSM shall make available to any person seeking an OSM blaster certificate an application form and instructions for its completion. The form shall include a statement in accordance with law that the information provided is true and accurate to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant, and shall require the signature of the applicant.

§ 955.14 Examination.

(a) *Certificate issuance or reissuance.* After submitting an application, each applicant for the issuance or reissuance of an OSM blaster certificate shall pass a written examination, as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Administration and content.* (1) On a regular basis OSM shall schedule and hold a written examination on the technical aspects of blasting operations and State and Federal laws governing the storage, transportation and use of explosives, as provided in §850.14 of this chapter.

(2) The examination at a minimum shall cover the topics specified in §850.13(b) of this chapter, and shall include:

- (i) Objective questions;
- (ii) Blasting log problems; and
- (iii) Initiation system and delay sequence problems.

(c) *Reexamination.* (1) Any person who fails the examination may apply to OSM for reexamination by submitting a new application, including the prescribed fee, but no person may take the examination more than 2 times in any 12-month period.

(2) Any person who fails the examination and submits a new application within 2 years of completing training as provided in §955.12(a) need not repeat, or resubmit evidence of having completed, training.

(d) *Failure to attend.* Except where the applicant shows and OSM finds good cause, OSM may reject the pending application of any applicant who fails to take the examination after OSM has