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 c. 197

27 of 1930

**An Act to provide for the regulation of persons engaged in
 blasting operations.**

[2nd AUGUST, 1930]

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Blasting Operations Act.

Interpretation.
 c 16:06

2. In this Act, the expression "explosive" has the same meaning as that given to it in section 2 of the Explosives Act.

Authority to
 blast.
 [6 of 1997]

3. (1) No person shall lay, tamp or fire a charge for any blasting operation unless he holds a certificate of competency as a blaster under this Act.

(2) Any person not holding such a certificate who

lays, tamps or fires a charge shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of nineteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Certificate of
competency.
[18 of 1952
1 of 1972
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4. (1) The Commissioner of Geological Surveys and Mines (hereinafter referred to as "the Commissioner") may grant a certificate of competency as a blaster to any person above the age of twenty years applying therefor who, after examination by such person as the Commissioner may appoint in that behalf, appears to the Commissioner to be practically conversant with the safe use and handling of explosives and the laying, tamping and firing of charges. Any person holding an examination shall report in writing the result thereof to the Commissioner.

(2) Where the holder of a certificate of competency by reason of any emergency is unable to perform his duties, the manager of such concession or other undertaking may, if authorised in writing by the Commissioner so to do, issue an emergency certificate of competency to any fit and proper person authorising such person to lay, tamp or fire charges for any blasting operations on such mining concession or undertaking:

Provided that no emergency certificate issued under this subsection shall have effect when the emergency in respect of which it was issued has ceased to exist.

(3) Every person applying for the grant of a certificate of competency under subsection (1) shall pay into the office of the Commissioner an examination fee of six hundred and fifty dollars and any certificate of competency issued under subsection (1) or (2) shall be in the form set out in the Schedule, and shall be valid for such period not exceeding thirty days as may be stated therein.

Schedule.

(4) Any manager of a mining concession or

undertaking who—

- (a) issues an emergency certificate of competency otherwise than in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); or
- (b) knowingly permits any person on any area under his control, to contravene section 3,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of ninety-seven thousand dollars.

Cancellation
or suspension
of certificate.
[18 of 1952]

5. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, cancel or suspend at any time any certificate of competency granted by him on any ground of incompetency or negligence on the part of the holder thereof.

Register of
holders of
certificates.
[18 of 1952]

6. The Commissioner shall cause to be kept a register of all holders of certificates of competency.

Regulations.
[1 of 1972
6 of 1997]

7. (1) The Minister responsible for national security may make regulations which shall be subject to negative resolution, for the safe handling, use, storage and transport of explosives for use in blasting operations.

(2) There may be annexed to any regulations for the breach thereof a penalty not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars.

SCHEDULE

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

1 of 1972

Under section 4 of the Blasting Operations Act a certificate of competency as a blaster is hereby granted to

Commissioner of Geological Surveys

Dated this.....day of.....19...

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

Under section 4 of the Blasting Operations Act a provisional certificate of competency as a blaster for the periodday of19.....,to.....day of 19..., is hereby granted to.....

Dated this day of. 19....

(Signed)

(Name of Concession or Undertaking)

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

Reg.
29/10/1930
7 of 1966B

BLASTING OPERATIONS REGULATIONS

made under section 7

- Citation. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Blasting Operations Regulations.
- Forcible pressure prohibited. 2. No explosive shall be forcibly pressed into a hole of insufficient size and when a hole has been charged, the explosive shall no account be unrammed.
- Period between charges. 3. After firing a charge of any explosive, no further charge shall be introduced into the hole nor into any rent made before a period of at least two hours shall have elapsed.
- Precautions where charge missed fire. 4. If a charge has apparently missed fire no person shall go near it before a period of at least thirty minutes shall have elapsed, except when charges have been fired electrically. A charge that has apparently missed fire shall not be unrammed, loosed, or picked out and no hole shall be drilled within twelve inches of the hole in which the charge has missed fire.
- Tools to be used. 5. No iron or steel tool shall be used for charging or stemming a hole with any explosive. Wooden rammers only shall be used for tamping explosives.
- Precautions after firing. 6. (1) When a charge has been fired no person shall approach the site of blasting until a certified blaster has inspected the site and is satisfied that the charge or all the

charges has exploded, or has located any which may have missed fire.

(2) If any charge has not exploded the blaster shall personally supervise the work of drilling in the neighbourhood of the unexploded charge until it has been subsequently exploded by an adjacent charge.

Magazine not to be near operations.

7. No magazine for the storage of explosives shall be within a quarter of a mile of any place where blasting operations are in progress.

Smoking prohibited.

8. No person shall smoke while carrying, handling, or using explosives, nor when near any person so doing, nor while in a magazine.

Conveyance of explosives.

9. All explosives shall be conveyed from the magazine to the site of blasting operations and kept till used in secure cases or canisters, so made and closed as to prevent any escape of the explosives and any danger from sparks. Detonators shall be kept in separate and secure boxes, and shall not be conveyed at the same time as the explosives.

Warning .

10. Due warning shall be given by an efficient system of signals prescribed by the Commissioner of Geological Surveys and Mines to workmen and the public before any blasting is commenced.

Person under 18 years not to be employed.

11. No person under eighteen years of age shall be employed in boring holes or other work connected with blasting operations.

Penalties.

12. Any person committing a breach of any of the provisions these Regulations shall be liable to a fine of three hundred dollars.