Forestry Blaster Assessment

Assessment	This document can be used:
	For gathering evidence in a training environment,
	As a competency check of knowledge on an existing worker; or
	As part of a summative assessment.
Candidate Name	
Assessor Name	
Date of Assessment	
Summary of	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Assessment	☐ The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
	☐ Gap training plan developed
Date of Reassessment	
Summary of	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Reassessment	☐ The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Instructions	 Complete the assessment with the candidate, adding notes to justify your decisions.
	Ensure the first page of this document is completed (all fields).
	Develop a gap training plan for practical deficiencies if required.
	 Use the same form for reassessment (if applicable), only reassessing the areas where gaps exist.
	 Conduct the competency conversation before conducting the practical assessment.

Note: This worker assessment covers the technical components of a specific role. For general knowledge and a complete picture of a worker's competency, BC Forest Safety recommends the optional Basic Forest Worker competency profile and assessment tools that can be found at www.bcforestsafe.org.

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Part 1 - Competency Conversation

General Instructions

To conduct a competency conversation, ask the worker the questions in this first part of the assessment to determine if they understand the knowledge components of their role.

It is acceptable to rephrase the question in a way that the worker understands, but the worker cannot be given hints to the correct answer.

The assessment should not be used as a training opportunity; instead, any deficiencies identified in this assessment should be collected into a gap training plan and addressed with the worker later.

Important Note: Do not conduct competency conversation while operating equipment.

Training and Assessment Rubric

Assessment Instruction

- **S** This means that the candidate must supply all responses listed, as the knowledge is safety critical or important.
- **B** This means the candidate must at a minimum verbalize the **bolded** responses, and additional responses are further proof of competence.
- **P** The candidate must give a **percentage** of responses correctly to reasonably show competence in the area.

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1163 - Recognize, Evaluate and Control Blasting Hazards

Locator	Questions		
1.1	What are the minimum requirements for signage when transporting explosives? ☐ Signage is clearly visible from all four sides ☐ Using correct placards		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
1.2	Why is it important to check	every hole before blasting	?
	☐ To determine what exp	olosive should be put in the ho	ole (wet or dry)
	☐ Check if hole has caved in. (Could affect quality of shot and safety)		
	☐ Confirm depth of hole		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
1.2	What do you do if water ren	nains after attempting to dry	(dewater) the hole?
	☐ Use a water-resistant product until out of the wet zone		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
1.2	How do you prevent injury f	rom falling when working o	n a ladder at heights?
	\square Anchor to the wall and	l use fall restraints	
	Assessment Instruction: S	,	
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

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1.2	What are common ground hazards related to blasting?		
	☐ Seams		
	☐ Voids		
	☐ Presence of water		
	☐ Ground/rock instability	,	
	☐ Bench height		
	☐ Flat or sloped quarry		
	☐ High rock cuts		
	☐ Slippery rocks		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 5	from list	
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
1.3	What are potential overhead	d hazards that need to be as	sessed pre and post
	blasting?		
	☐ Powerlines		
	☐ Low flying aircraft		
	☐ Loose material above-	- boulders and logs	
	☐ Ladders and ropes tied	d off to access blast holes dur	ing the loading process
	☐ Danger trees		
	☐ Weather conditions		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4	from list	
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
1.4	If there is potential for light	ning what should be done?	
	☐ Shut down or postpone	e blasting	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

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2.1	How do you control fly rock?		
	☐ Timing		
	☐ Collar		
	☐ Powder factor		
	☐ Appropriate stemming		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
2.1	What are potential hazards	during the blast?	
	☐ Loose items above dis	slodging	
	☐ Flying debris		
	☐ Unfavourable rock cha	aracteristics	
	☐ Air overpressure (shoo	ckwave)	
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3	3 from list	
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
3.1	What is the blaster looking	for - post blast - before givir	ng all clear signal?
	☐ Loose material above		
	☐ Overhanging trees		
	☐ Rocks in trees		
	☐ Loose overhanging fac	ce	
	☐ Rock or debris		
	\square Damage to standing ti	mber	
	☐ Low side hazards to d	ownstream operations	
	\square Vapour and gases in t	he air	
	☐ Misfired explosives		
	☐ Muck pile (can be uns	table)	
	Assessment Instruction: P – 8	from list	
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

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3.1	What does regulation require be done post blast?		
	☐ Check for misfires and other hazards		
	☐ Blaster of record gives permission to enter with "all clear" when safe		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

1164 – Describe Blasting Terminology and Documentation

Locator	Questions			
2.1	I will name a document - te	vill name a document – tell me what it is used for: Blasters handbook – 'bible' of blasting – reference guide, training manual		
	☐ Blasters handbook -			
	☐ ERP/ERAP for explosives – what to do in case of an incident			
	☐ TDG – records the proon the vehicle at time	oduct, weight, number of units, of transport	, official inventory of what is	
	☐ Pre-inspection form (FLHA)	- completed by blaster - a fiel	ld level hazard assessment	
	 Magazine inventory form – Record of current inventory in the magazine (all products) – altered after going in and out of magazine Security plan – Title of the Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) plan, requires only authorized people on site 			
	☐ Key control plan – NRCan requirement – who can have the keys, where are stored – who has control – key to magazine, may include powder box the truck			
	Security screening – component of the NRCan plan – Criminal record or background check			
	☐ Blasting log / report – Detailed record of blast Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met	

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1165 - Describe Tools and Equipment for Blasting

Locator	Questions		
1.1	What type of knife is used for cutting explosives?		
	☐ Non-sparking		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
2.2	What is WorkSafeBC's min	<u>-</u>	extinguishers on a vehicle
	that transports explosives?		
	☐ Two fire extinguishers with correct rating		
	☐ Easily accessible		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
2.2	The ratings of the required (GVW) without transporti		•
	extinguisher is required for		
	☐ Under 2000 GVW – minimum 5 BC		
	☐ More than 2000 GVW - minimum 10 BC		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

1166 - Describe Regulations and Standards related to Blasting

Locator	Questions		
1.1	Who is responsible for regulating the storage of explosives?		
	☐ Natural Resources Ca	nada (NRCan)	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
2.1	Who is responsible for regu	lating the transport of and	use of explosives?
	☐ Transport Canada – tr	ansport	
	☐ WorkSafeBC – use of		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

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3.1	Who is responsible for the	safety of the blast area?	
	☐ The blaster of record		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
3.1	Where would you find regul	ations related to the use of	explosives?
	☐ WorkSafeBC – Occup	ational Health and Safety Reg	gulation Part 21
	☐ Blasters handbook		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
4.1	What certification is require	ed for use of explosives?	
	☐ WorkSafeBC certified	blaster on site with certificate	on person
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
4.1	What documentation is nee	ded to transport explosives	?
	\square Who to contact in an ϵ	emergency	
	☐ TDG certificate		
	\square Current vehicle safety	inspection report	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
4.1	What approved list do you r	need to be on to access a m	agazine?
	☐ On approved list from	Natural Resources Canada (N	NRCan)
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

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1167 - Describe Explosives for Blasting

Locator	Questions		
1.1	What is critically important when setting up to use detonators and high explosives?		
	☐ They are kept apart to	the last most practical mome	nt
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
2.1	What is the significant adva	ntage of a shock tube initia	tion system?
	☐ Provides for instantan	eous initiation without need fo	r electrical means
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met
2.2	What is good practice when malfunction?	using remote blasting mac	hine in case of
	\square Shot shell primer with	tube/alternative firing methods	3
	☐ Tying a safety fuse and lighting		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

1089 - Describe and Operate Rock Drill

Locator	Questions		
1.1	What are the types of drill used in road building?		
	☐ Pneumatic and hydraulic		
	☐ Excavator mounted		
	☐ Rubber tire mounted		
	☐ Air track		
	☐ Tank and hydraulic cra	awler	
	☐ Handheld hammer drill (plugger)		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4 from list		
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

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2.3	What determines placement	t of drill holes?	
	☐ Rock density or hardn	ess	
	☐ Patterns		
	☐ Bit size		
	☐ Depth		
	☐ Presence of water		
	☐ Presence of seams		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3	3 from list	
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met

1168 - Prepare for Blasting Activity

Locator	Questions					
1.2	If a blasting site is short of explosives, who is authorized to go to the magazine and bring more back to the site?					
	☐ Only someone who hat License (PAL), Nexus	as security clearance - Posses , clearance letter	ssion and Acquisition			
	☐ TDG certification					
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met			
1.3	What documentation must I	be filled out or kept in vehic	le before leaving the			
	storage site?					
	☐ Pre-trip inspection of b	plasting vehicle				
	☐ TDG ticket on person					
	☐ Sign-out magazine inv	entory sheet				
	☐ TDG form in truck (tra	nsportation documents)				
	☐ Driver's license on person					
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4 from list					
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met			

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1169 - Blasting and Post Blasting Activity

Locator	Questions				
1.1	What is required at a worksite to ensure security and safety of the explosives at all times?				
	☐ Only removed when required, in a locked day box when not being used				
	☐ Explosives are in view	of competent individual at all	times		
	☐ Detonators stored in c	rush proof container			
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met		
4.1	Under which circumstance	is it acceptable to leave exp	losives unattended?		
	☐ Never				
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met		
4.2	What is critically important	when you do not know the I	ocation of a misfire?		
	☐ Notify all workers that	a misfire has occurred			
	☐ Unplug blasting machi	ne			
	☐ Wait a minimum of 1 h manufacturer's recom	our after smoke clears before mendations	proceeding or follow		
	☐ All wires will be carefu	lly traced, and a search made	for unexploded charges		
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met		
4.3	What must be done when tr	ansporting explosives back	to storage?		
	☐ Update, revise or crea	te new transportation docume	ents		
	☐ Use approved placard	S			
	☐ Use correct packaging	(back into correct box)			
	☐ Deal with used boxes	or plastic bags (don't take bac	ck to mag site)		
	☐ Record explosives bac	ck into magazine logs			
	☐ Partial boxes must be	marked			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 6	from list			
	Assessment	☐ Outcome met	☐ Outcome not met		

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Part 2 – Practical Assessment

General Instructions

To conduct the practical assessment, monitor the worker in a variety of situations to determine if they can consistently perform the skill components of their role in a safe and effective manner. Once confident that the worker can conduct the skills consistently, mark the outcome met. If the worker cannot consistently perform the skills required, add this component to the gap training plan.

Remember not to distract the operator when conducting the practical assessment.

Training and Assessment Rubric

Outcome Not Met (ONM)

Skills: Can complete the task but only with direct instruction and supervision, may lack consistency in application.

Knowledge: Does not understand what they are doing, or are not aware of a knowledge deficiency, or need guidance and support.

Attributes: Displays limited or no professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in an organized manner, achieving work outcomes, or lacks in consistency.

Outcome Met (OM)

Skills: Consistently completes the task using safe work practices multiple times in a variety of contexts.

Knowledge: Has a solid grasp of underpinning knowledge, consistently applies it, and can explain it.

Attributes: Consistently displays professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in and organized manner and achieving work outcomes.

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A) PREPARE FOR THE DAY	OM	ONM	N/A
Arrived on time			
Clothing for conditions Layered clothing appropriate to the elements for working and transport conditions			
 Nutrition and water Adequate food for the day Sufficient hydration for work and weather conditions 			
Fit for work • Candidate is physically able to do the task			
Not noticeably impaired			
Knows where ERP is located			

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B) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (where applicable)	OM	ONM	N/A
Hard hat			
 CSA – less than 3 years old / ANSI – less than 5 years old 			
 No dents/cracks, modifications 			
 Suspension maintained (4-point min) 			
Hi-Vis			
 Minimum 120 square inches front and back 			
 Not faded, discoloured, torn or permanently dirty 			
 Contrasts with the work environment 			
Leg protection			
 Minimum 3600/4100 FPM rating 			
 Kevlar not compromised or exposed 			
 Pants maintained and repaired (no loose tears to outer layer) 			
Face / Eye protection			
Face screen free of holes			
 Moves freely between down and raised position 			
Safety glasses used when appropriate			
Footwear			
 Appropriate to the conditions 			
No caulks			
 Good condition including sole tread pattern 			
PPE inspected and maintained			

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C) TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Pre-trip inspection of the blasting vehicle			
Blasting ticket on person			
Warning system deactivated for movement of explosives (if applicable)			
Placards on vehicle as required			
Explosives on vehicle in a fully enclosed, locked, fire-resistant container, compartment or day box that is:			
 Fixed within or secured to the vehicle to prevent detachment in the event of a rollover 			
 Located above the vehicle deck in a manner that protects the container, compartment or day box from contact with roadside objects and drilling equipment, 			
 Located so the contents are not endangered by any heat source 			
 Locked when outside the worksite, and securely closed when on the worksite, except when opened for depositing or removing the contents of the container, compartment or day box 			
 Attended by a competent person at all times when the container, compartment or day box contains explosives 			
 Separate from the passenger compartment 			
Powder load is maximum 80% of the GVWR not exceeding 20,000 kg of net explosive quantity			
Documentation	П		
Updated magazine log	7]
 Completed TDG form in the truck 			

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D) DRILLING PREPARATIONS	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Spare accessories in case of breakdown			
Pipe wrench			
Basic tools			
If using air drill			
Hoses	_	_	_
Hose clamps			
 Hoses tied up and in good condition 			
 Safety whip in place and properly installed 			
If using hydraulic drill			
Spare hydraulic fluid			_
Striker bar			
Spare sharpened drill bits			
Clean and functional tools and equipment			
Efficient organization of work area	П		
No tripping hazards			
Hazards identified – safe to access			
Signage in place that explains whistles			
Access is guarded – adequate number of people to guard			
E) DEVELOP DRILLING PATTERN	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Examines rock characteristics			
Hard or soft	- -		_ _
Angle to rock			
Clear and precise drilling pattern			
Considers ground constraints			

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F) MARK DRILLING POINTS	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Follows established drilling pattern			
Correct direction of the mast in relation to the ground			
Uses exact measurements and data			
Correct use of measurement template			
G) PREPARE THE DRILL FOR WORK	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Position drill correctly			
Correct direction of mast in relation to the ground			
Solid connections			
Correct drilling angle			
Ground constraints considered			
H) USE THE DRILL	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Efficient use of drill			
Appropriate diameter and depth of holes being drilled			
Holes free of loose material			
Move drill according to predetermined accesses			
Communicates effectively with other workers			
Replaces broken or stuck rods safely			

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I) BLASTING PLAN	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Contains procedures for identifying and addressing potential misfires			
Exposure controls			
Identifies any work activities or conditions at the workplace where there is a known or reasonably foreseeable risk to persons or property			
Is completed before work begins on the relevant activity			
Is documented at the time of planning			
Readily available to all workers			
J) ALSO DOCUMENTED	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Type of rock			
If water in holes			
Drill bit size			
Proper stemming			
Calculations for blast			
How to control the blast			
Possible hazards for next phase			
Delays (forestry)			

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K) LOAD BLAST PREP	ОМ	ONM	N/A
No smoking with 50 feet			
No one there that is not part of the blast			
Explosives and detonators apart until last moment			
Blaster has visual control of people involved			
Measures powder when putting in holes			
Assess the burden – keeping control of the rock			
Correct: Drill pattern Direction of holes Timing Spacing Collars Stemming Bit size			
Extra explosives picked up by approved personnel (where applicable)			
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L) LOAD THE DRILL HOLES	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Carefully handles explosives			
Clear and complete firing plan			
Correct loading steps			
Follows direction of manufacturers			
Checking circuits constantly			
Compliant storage of surplus materials			
Completes blasting log			

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M) FIRE THE BLAST	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Clear and precise communication (sounding whistles)			
Clears blast zone of people and equipment			
Signage in place that explains whistles Access is guarded – enough people to guard the site			
Listens before blast (aircraft and helicopters)			
Careful handling of detonator			
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N) INSPECT THE BLAST AREA	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Follows post-blasting procedures			
Detection of explosives that have not exploded			
Looks for hazards including fly rock and limbs			
Conducts post assessment of blast			
Checks blast area then: Signals on radio that it is clear Or one long whistle – 'do not enter'			
O) RETURN EXPLOSIVES TO STORAGE	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Vehicle with explosives in sight of qualified Blaster			
New transport log or zero out existing log (reflect what is on the truck)			
Powder back into the magazine log			
Uses new boxes (no reusing)			
Put correct placards on			
Correct packaging			
Powder magazine kept clean			

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P) CONSISTENCY IN WORK	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Works in an organized manner			
Achieves outcomes while working safely			
PPE used consistently as required			
Able to adjust plans as required			
Follows applicable OHS regulations throughout workday			
Meets blasting plan outcomes			
Consistent clear communication with other workers			
Conducts tasks in an ergonomically correct position to reduce MSI			

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