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Additional Requirements for Fireworks Display Operators and Pyrotechnic Display Operators

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Procedures and requirements for the certification of Fireworks Display Operators (DO) and Pyrotechnic Operators (PO) changed on June 17, 2002. This letter will assist in your application for these certifications by outlining these changes.

- All applicants are now required to take an examination given by the Colorado Division of Fire Safety before licenses will be issued. Testing will be based on the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) Title 12, Article 28, Rules for Persons Dealing with Fireworks (Rules), and the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Codes and Standards:
 - *Display Operator* –
NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display 2000 Edition, **including Appendices.**
 - *Pyrotechnic Operator* –
NFPA 1126 Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience 2001 Edition, **including Appendices.**

The NFPA Codes and Standards may be found at local bookstores and is available directly from the NFPA, (800) 344-3555, <http://www.nfpa.org>. The C.R.S. Article 28 is available on-line at our website at <http://dfs.state.co.us> or at your local library. You may obtain the Rules from our website.

- All applicants are now required to complete a Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Background Information check. This background check requires a separate fee of \$13.00 payable to the CBI. The background request form must be sent directly to the CBI. Application packets available from the Colorado Division of Fire Safety will have this form attached and individuals must ensure that the background information results are sent directly to the Colorado Division of Fire Safety. Results not sent directly to the Division will be considered invalid and not accepted.

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- Once the CDFS has received your DO or PO application, processing payment of \$25.00 and CBI background check results you will be notified of the review and an approval to take the test and you may set up an exam date with the Colorado Division of Fire Safety.
- If the examination is passed you will receive your license and exam score by mail. Applicants who fail the exam will only receive their test score and must request another test date. Each additional re-examination will require an additional testing fee of \$25.00 and a waiting period of thirty days after each unsuccessful attempt. Upon failure of a third attempt, he/she will not be allowed to retake the examination until he/she produces evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved program of instruction in conducting fireworks displays.
- Once applicants have received a passing score on the examination they may renew their license without testing.
- The CDFS reserves the right to accept or deny any request for certification and has the final decision on denial of license due to applicant's failure in an examination.

Note: These requirements are in addition to any other requirements for certification as contained in 8 CCR 1507-12.