



Quarry Manager's Certificate of Competency

The Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 (r. 2.22) requires the applicant to submit the following documentation.

1. An applicant for the Quarry Manager's Certificate must be a holder of:
 - (a) the degree of Bachelor of Engineering of any Australian university;
 - (b) a Diploma in Mining or Engineering from any recognised Australian technical institute;
 - (c) an Associate Diploma in Surface Mining from any recognised Australian tertiary education institution;
 - (d) a Degree or Diploma in Geology, or in mining or an earth sciences related discipline, that is considered by the Board to be appropriate; or
 - (e) other mining qualification as the Board may in any case consider to be equivalent to a qualification referred to in subparagraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).
2. Submit evidence that he or she:
 - (a) has attained the age of 24 years (e.g. birth certificate, passport or driver's licence); and
 - (b) has had experience in or about a quarry for a period of not less than two years, of which period at least one year has been first hand practical experience in production operations in a quarry or open pit, including not less than three months¹ personal experience in the charging and firing of explosives in the quarry pit.

The Board has determined that first hand practical experience in production operations should include blasting, operation of mobile equipment such as trucks, loaders, dozers, water carts, graders and excavators, drilling, de-watering and similar tasks.

Experience in areas such as grade control, supervision and surveying is adequate to satisfy the requirement for 'two years in and about a pit' experience, but such tasks do not give sufficient insight into the many problems that may be faced by the operators in production.

Written evidence of the above must be provided and signed off by a responsible officer of the company in which the experience has been gained, and submitted under relevant company letterhead. It should include precise details of the types of duties performed, types of explosives used, and dates associated with each.

Experience records in the form of Statutory Declaration may be acceptable only if the original experience document from a mine cannot be obtained. Inquiries, if conducted, to establish accuracy of experience given in the form of a Statutory Declaration may cause delays in the finalisation of a decision on your application.

3. A character reference.
4. Current first aid training certificate.
5. Application fee payable to the Department of Mines and Petroleum. Please **DO NOT SEND CASH.** (see Schedule of fees and charges on Resources Safety website)

¹ The Board of Examiners has determined that where three (3) months experience is not obtained as a single continuous three (3) month period but intermittently over an extended period of time, then the required three (3) months will be deemed to be equivalent to 65 shifts of 8 hours or longer duration.

Before a certificate can be issued, the candidate must pass the Mining Law examination and satisfy the Board of Examiners that he or she meets the necessary requirements set out in the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 (r. 2.22).

Examinations

This examination will be based on the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* and Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 (including provisions amended by the *Mines Safety and Inspection Amendment Act 2004*, Mines Safety and Inspection Amendment Regulations 2005, *Mines Safety and Inspection Amendment Act 2008* and Mines Safety and Inspection Amendment Regulations 2008) as well as the *Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004* and Dangerous Goods Safety Regulations 2007 in so far as they refer to explosives.

Applications

Application forms must be signed by the candidate and witnessed an authorised witness for statutory declarations as listed in the *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005*. Application forms must be received by the closing date.

Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and associated regulations

Copies of the above-mentioned Acts and regulations are available from the State Law Publisher, 10 William Street, Perth (ph. 08 9321 7688; website www.slp.wa.gov.au).

Other information

Previous applicants who wish to re-sit the examination and have previously submitted the relevant documentation will not be required to re-submit the documentation. However, they will need to lodge a new application form along with the required application fee to re-apply.

Please note: All requirements for a certificate must be completed within five years.

To obtain application forms, information sheets and past examination papers, and for any enquiries, please contact the Executive Officer to the Board of Examiners (ph. 08 9358 8014; fax 08 9358 8000).