



Underground Supervisor's Certificate of Competency

The Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 (r. 2.23) requires the applicant to submit the following documentation.

1. Evidence of general experience in underground mining, and employment underground for a period of not less than five years; or
2. Evidence of completing a Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Mining Engineering from a recognised university, school of mines, or institute of technology and full time employment underground for a period not less than two years.
3. Evidence of:
 - (a) face experience in operating a rockdrill on development and stoping faces for a period of not less than three months ;
 - (b) personal experience in using explosives in charging and firing both development and stoping rounds for a period of not less than three months¹; and
 - (c) six months full-time underground employment directly involved in ground support, haulage and transport, and general mine servicing work.

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 following:

- (i) types of duties performed while in underground mines;
- (ii) types of explosives used; and
- (iii) 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.

4. A character reference.
5. Current first aid training certificate.
6. 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)

Before a certificate can be issued, the candidate must pass the Mining Law and Mining Practical examinations (graduates are required to pass the Mining Law examination only) 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. 2.23).

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.

Examinations

The examinations are 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 authorized witness for statutory declarations 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(s) 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).