



NEW MEXICO BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY

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Surface Coal Examiner Requirements for Testing

2 years of Surface Coal Mine Experience
Current in First Aid Training and Annual Refresher training
Certification by MSHA in Methane Detection/Oxygen deficiency
Valid driver's license
Additional information as required in the packet

EXAMINATION TOPICS

The Act
Qualified/Certified Persons
Mine Gases
Ground Control
Loading and Haulage and Surface Installations
Electrical
Fire Protection
Communications
First Aid
Explosives & Blasting
Mine Maps
Safeguards for Mechanical Equipment
Thermal Dryers
Personnel Hoisting
Auger Mining
Miscellaneous
Slope and Shaft Sinking

Part 47 - HazCom
Part 48 - Training
Part 50 - Accidents
Part 62 - Noise
Part 71 - Health



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Application for Surface Coal Examiner

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. MSHA Individual Identification Number _____
4. Date of Birth _____
5. Present Employer: _____
 - a. Mine Name: _____
 - b. Mailing Address: _____
6. Present Position: _____
7. Total Number of years employed in surface coal mining: _____
8. Certifications held in New Mexico: _____
9. Certifications held in other states: _____
10. MSHA – Methane Detection/Oxygen Deficiency qualification.
11. Please attach (1) letter of recommendation from a company official to include the following:
 - a. Request for applicant to attend the examination for certification
 - b. Verification that applicant meets the certification requirements.
 - c. Verification that applicant is physically capable of performing the duties required of a mine foreman.
 - d. Statement that applicant is current in the Annual Refresher training, or has been trained as an Experienced Miner under 30CFR, Part 48 subpart B.
 - e. Verification of applicants work experience.
12. Please attach (3) additional letters of recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Instructions for filling out Application For Examination as an Surface Coal Examiner

- A. Items 1-6 are self explanatory.
- B. Item #7. New Mexico state law requires at least 4 years of experience in or about surface coal mine operations. Credit will be given to engineers with a BS degree in Mining or Mineral Engineering that have at least 2 years of experience in or about surface coal mine operations
- C. Item #8. Please attach a photocopy of any certificate held in the state of New Mexico.
- D. Item #9. Please attach a photocopy of any certificate held in any state other than New Mexico. Applicants who are certified as Surface Foreman in another state and have at least 4 years of experience in or about surface coal mine operations qualify to sit for the exam.
- E. Item #10. Please attach a photocopy of the MSHA qualification card, or the certification/qualification roster signed by the MSHA qualifying official.
- F. Item #11. Self explanatory.
- G. Item #12. These letters should attest to the moral character of the applicant, how long the person has known the applicant, knowledge of the applicants work experience etc. They should be individually authored and not a template format signed by different persons. Letters must be signed by the author and list the author's title.

Examination Result Information:

Please insure that you understand that if this box is checked the examination results will be sent to only the applicant and will not be given to the applicants employer either orally or in written form.

If this box is checked the examination results will be sent to the applicant only at the address as stated above.

Mailing address:
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