



# NEW MEXICO BUREAU OF MINE SAFETY

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## Surface Mine Foreman Requirements for Testing

***Degreed Engineers in a mining discipline must have at least 2 years of experience.***

4 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 Foreman Exam

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 Mine Foreman

- 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. Or emailed upon request.

**Mailing address:**  
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