

I am proposing to hold exams for Surface Coal Mine Foreman, Underground Coal Mine Foreman, and Underground Coal Mine Examiner and Surface Examiner, on Thursday, Feb 4, 2021 starting at 8:00 am at a location yet to be determined in the Farmington area.

Applications *must be* received in this office for evaluation 30-days in advance of the test date, for consideration--in this case by Jan 5, 2021.

Applications and instructions for these exams are available for downloading from the BMS website:

<http://bmi.state.nm.us/navCert.htm>

A new certification category has been approved by the Mining Safety Board - *General Underground Coal Mine Foreman*. This applies only to those individuals who currently hold a valid Underground Coal Mine Foreman certification, have sufficient surface coal experience to qualify and pass an additional exam. An individual holding General Underground Coal Mine Foreman certification is eligible to function as a foreman both underground and on surface areas of underground coal mines.

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