

Underground mine supervisor of underground mines other than coal mines certificate of competence

Examiners' report July 2018

Oral examination

Dates: 18-21 June 2018
Number of candidates: 26
Number deemed competent: 24

General comments

- ✓ An excellent overall success rate that recognises that many candidates had extensive underground mining experience and more importantly experience working/acting in the actual role prior to the introduction of the statutory function. Those candidates that struggled lacked direct experience working in a supervisory or relevant leadership/co-ordination role.
- ✓ Candidates generally had a good knowledge of the legislative obligations regarding emergency scenarios and were aware of the required emergency notifications, response systems and procedures. They could make effective risk-based decisions when conditions deteriorated or changed to ensure the situation was effectively controlled.
- ✓ Candidates generally demonstrated good knowledge of workplace inspection standards and requirements especially identifying and addressing hazards using the hierarchy of controls.
- ✓ A couple of candidates could benefit from additional/refresher training in conducting job safety analysis/risk assessments.
- ✓ It was noted that candidates assessed as competent demonstrated a sound risk based approach to their decision making and had excellent situational awareness and communication skills.
- ✓ Future candidates are reminded that their Associated Non-Technical Skills (ANTS) are being examined in the oral examinations. Candidates need to be able to demonstrate skills such as leadership, decision making, team work, communication skills especially in the emergency scenario and situation awareness in a constantly changing underground environment.

More information

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Underground mine supervisor of mines other than coal mines examination panel

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