

EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

Oral Examination

Dates:	16 - 19 November 2020
Number of candidates:	32
Number deemed competent:	26

General comments

- A good overall success rate considering that most candidates were practical hands on operators, some of whom had limited supervisory experience. Again, most successful candidates had been mentored by statutory underground supervisors and other senior mine personnel having also undertaken a couple of mock oral assessments.
- A few candidates were unable to demonstrate knowledge of principal hazard management plans and principal control plans. There is a need for candidates to have a sound knowledge of the legislative requirements and have the skills to be able to source and apply that knowledge effectively in a wide range of contexts and situations.
- Candidates generally had a sound knowledge of their legislative obligations during an emergency scenario. This included knowledge and skill regarding emergency notifications, preserving the scene of a serious incident, response systems and associated procedures. They could make effective risk-based decisions when conditions deteriorated or changed to ensure the situation was safely and effectively controlled. This included demonstrating knowledge and skills of incident investigation and debriefing processes. A couple of

candidates indicated that they would not immediately go to a safe place (eg refuge chamber/fresh air base) during an emergency fire incident.

- Candidates demonstrated good knowledge of workplace inspection standards and requirements especially in identifying and addressing hazards in production and development areas. This included being able to manage a serious non-compliance.
- All except a couple of candidates demonstrated good knowledge of a supervisor's responsibilities regarding the end of shift change over requirements. It is essential that candidates understand the importance of being able to provide relevant information, both verbally and written, and clarify information especially regarding hazards with the incoming and outgoing supervisors at the end of a shift.
- It was noted that candidates assessed as competent demonstrated a sound risk-based approach to their decision making and had good leadership, situational awareness, confidence 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 decision making, leadership, teamwork and communication skills especially in an emergency.

More information

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Underground mine supervisor of mines other than coal mines examination panel

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