

# EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

### Oral Examination

Dates:	21-25 October 2019
Number of candidates:	49
Number deemed competent:	45

### General comments

An excellent overall success rate that recognises that most candidates had good underground mining experience and more importantly experience working/acting in a supervisory role. A number of successful candidates had been mentored by qualified underground supervisors and other senior mine personnel and had undertaken mock oral assessments.

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 were not able to demonstrate authority and lacked confidence to make effective risk-based decisions when conditions changed during the emergency scenario. Candidates need to show strong leadership skills that enables them to make decisions based on risk especially during an emergency.

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 the emergency scenario.

## More information

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Underground mine supervisor of mines other than coal mines examination panel

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