

EXAMINER REPORT

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

Oral examination

Date: 28-30 May 2019

Number of candidates: 17

Number deemed competent: 15

General comments

A good success rate overall.

Candidates 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.

The candidates generally demonstrated a sound knowledge of workplace inspection standards and procedures including recording safety information on statutory shift reports.

Candidates knew what to do when an emergency occurred including taking initial control of the situation and looking after their teams and their own safety.

Underground shift supervisors must be able to demonstrate leadership and confidence when managing emergency situations. This includes making risk based decisions and clearly communicating instructions to their team especially when conditions change during an emergency.

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 and situational awareness especially in an emergency scenario 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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