

May 2023 - November 2023

Examiners' report

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

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Oral examination

Date: 9 May 2023

Number of candidates: 4

Number deemed competent: 4

Examiners comments: Two candidates were resitting and the other two were new candidates. All candidates performed well in the oral examination – having good knowledge and understanding of the following:

- what to do in an emergency,
- the standards and requirements for development and general mining activities,
- working in hot areas,
- the requirements for communicating between shifts, and
- legislation

Post Oral examination

Date: 31 October & 1 November 2023

Number of candidates: 14

Number deemed competent: 12

Examiners' comments:

The statutory function of underground mine supervisor is to “**supervise workers**” and “**inspect work areas**” in a part of the mine for a shift during which production is taking place. Candidates must be able to answer the oral questions as if they are an “Underground Mine Supervisor”.

The unsuccessful candidates lacked experience, knowledge, and situational awareness regarding some of the key safety requirements and standard that need to be in place when inspecting underground development and remote-control loader activities. They must know what the requirements and standards are and then be able to identify non-compliances and clearly and confidently explain what action needs to be taken to fix / control the identified non-compliance/s.

Overall, the candidates had good knowledge and awareness of the following matters:

- what to do in an underground emergency,
- the standards and requirements for development and general underground activities,
- how to monitor and improve ventilation conditions when not up to standard,
- the requirements for communicating between shifts, and
- legislation

More information

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