

February 2024 – December 2024

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

Examiners' report 2024

Oral examination

Exam date: 3 & 4 June 2024

Number of candidates: 11

Number deemed competent: 9

Examiners' comments:

The statutory function of an 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 in the role of an Underground Mine Supervisor.

The unsuccessful candidates failed to demonstrate good situational and operational leadership skills during the emergency management question. They also lacked knowledge on refuge chamber operational standards and facilities, which are critical during an emergency.

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

- What to do in an underground mobile equipment fire emergency
- The standards and requirements for development and general underground activities
- How to effectively monitor and improve ventilation conditions eg with a kestrel
- The requirements for communicating between shifts, and
- Legislation.

Post oral examination

Exam dates: 2 & 5 December 2024

Number of candidates: 5

Number deemed competent: 5

Examiners' comments:

The examiners found all candidates competent. All candidates demonstrated a good situational awareness, understanding and knowledge of the legislation, emergency response procedures, shift

change over communications and sign off process, mobile equipment prestart checks and traffic management procedures and how to manage fatigue.

A couple of the candidates found the ventilation question challenging. The question required explaining how to determine if a secondary fan was recirculating using a kestrel.

More information

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