

May 2025 – November 2025

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

Examiners' report 2025

Oral examination

Exam date: 27 and 28 May 2025

Number of candidates: 10

Number deemed competent: 8

Examiners' comments:

A number of candidates lacked knowledge and understanding of the underground mine supervisor statutory function.

Two candidates struggled with the emergency scenario question and required prompting to glean satisfactory responses. They lacked confidence to make risk-based decisions to effectively manage the emergency scenario.

All except one candidate had satisfactory knowledge, understanding and awareness of explosives.

All candidates had good knowledge and understanding of how to conduct and manage ventilation inspections and heat stress management.

Post oral examination

Exam date: 5 and 6 November 2025

Number of candidates: 11

Number deemed competent: 10

Examiners' comments:

A few candidates lacked knowledge of the underground mine supervisor statutory function.

All candidates had a good knowledge of the statutory communication process between outgoing and incoming shifts, when more than one shift is worked each day.

One candidate could not explain the hierarchy of control measures which was an essential question to pass.

All candidates had a satisfactory understanding and knowledge of how to conduct and implement a JSA.

Candidates had a good knowledge and understanding of the ventilation control plan standards and how to conduct ventilation inspections, however a few did not know some of the legislative standards e.g. minimum legislative airflow requirement of 1m³/sec.

All but one candidate had a satisfactory knowledge, understanding and awareness of explosives.

Candidates had a good knowledge of draw point hazards and controls.

Note: new candidates before sitting the exam would benefit from downloading and reading the "Underground mine supervisor of underground mines other than coal mines" statutory function description located on the Resources Regulator website:

www.resources.nsw.gov.au/resources-regulator/safety/certification/statutory-functions

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