



# **POLICY** Qualifications of Mine Safety Inspectors

### **Policy statement**

This policy establishes the qualifications necessary for appointment as an inspector under the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013.* 

It expands on the legislative requirements for appointment.

## **Purpose and principles**

This policy applies to the appointment of inspectors under the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* (the "Act'). It does not apply to appointment as a mine safety officer or investigator.

Section 19 of the Act specifies the conditions necessary for appointment as an inspector:

19. A person may be appointed as an inspector only if the regulator is satisfied that the person has:

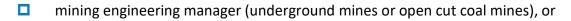
(a) appropriate knowledge and skills, and adequate experience, in mining operations or petroleum operations to effectively exercise the functions of an inspector, and

(b) if qualifications are prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this section, those qualifications or qualifications that the regulator determines to be equivalent to those qualifications.

### **Key requirements**

A person will only be appointed as an inspector of a mine or petroleum site under section 18(2)(a) of the Act if they have:

A. the qualifications required to be nominated to exercise the following key statutory functions:



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- electrical engineering manager (underground coal mines), or
- mechanical engineering manager (underground coal mines), or
- electrical engineer (mines other than underground coal mines), or
- mechanical engineer (mines other than underground coal mines), or
- **u** quarry manager;

#### OR

B. qualifications that the Chief Inspector determines to be equivalent to the qualifications in A.

#### OR

C. qualifications that the Chief Inspector determines to be appropriate and relevant for undertaking compliance and enforcement of the WHS laws at mines or petroleum sites.

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