

# CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE

## Underground mine supervisor: oral examination sample question and marking criteria

### Background

As an aid to supporting candidates to better prepare and perform in examinations, the NSW Resources Regulator and the examination panel have provided a sample question and marking criteria for the underground mine supervisor certificate of competence oral examination.

### Sample question

You are the underground mine supervisor at the mine. A worker informs you that the ventilation in their work area is not to standard. What do you do?

### Marking criteria

### Background reference – extract of WHS statutory function description

**During the shift:** Consult with workers and supervisors in relation to any changing conditions/requirements, risk management, resourcing etc. (page 2)

[www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0012/798843/F-Underground-Mine-Supervisor-Description-Underground-Mines-other-than-Coal-Mines.pdf](http://www.resourcesregulator.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0012/798843/F-Underground-Mine-Supervisor-Description-Underground-Mines-other-than-Coal-Mines.pdf)

**Note to examiners:** Up to seven minutes may be allowed for an answer, which may include, but will not be limited to, the responses below:

- check primary ventilation function
- inspect work area
- measure ventilation, how (prompt)? Use of anemometer (i.e. Kestral), gas detector etc

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- direct that all work in the area ceases
- withdraw workers from the area of risk
- barricade area and communicate the issue to other workers
- if the fault can be identified and managed e.g. poor/substandard ducting installation, plan to rectify, rectify area, area entered only to rectify
- the fault is not readily identified/managed
- report to the superintendent/manager
- report to ventilation officer

One mark for each response above or, for other suitable response/s as deemed by the examiner. Pass mark to be assessed as competent for this question - 7/10.

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