

2023 BITUMINOUS MINE OFFICIAL COMPETENCY COURSE

COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION – All individuals who plan to take the Bituminous Mine Official Examination after April 2009 are required to possess a Certificate of Competency for Gas Detection and Mine Ventilation.

Applicants must have the minimum years of underground experience for certification as stated in Section 202, Qualifications of Certifications, of the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mining Laws.

Individuals wishing to be certified must attend **all three days** of the course and demonstrate their competency in gas detection and mine ventilation.

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals who possess an Act 311 Gas Detection Card and have no PA state mine official certification prior to May 2009 must take the required 3-day course to be eligible for the mine officials' examination.

Classes will be held at the DEP New Stanton Office, 131 Broadview Road, New Stanton, PA, 15672, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

January 17-19	April 18-20	August 29-31
February 14-16	May 16-18	September 26-28
March 14-16	July 18-20	October 31-Nov 2

The above schedule is subject to change depending on industry needs. Classes with less than 10 individuals scheduled may be cancelled and applicants rescheduled.

To register, please e-mail RA-EPBMSREG@pa.gov or call the Bureau of Mine Safety at 724.404.3139.

If registering by email, please show 'BMOCC' and the 'class date' in the 'subject' line. The e-mail message must include the name of applicant(s), a contact phone number and email address.