ATTENTION:
Certification Examination Candidates

ANTHRACITE APPLICANTS:

The eligibility criteria are established in Section 205 of the Anthracite Coal Mining Laws of Pennsylvania for Underground Mines “Act 346” § 346-205.

To apply for **ANTHRACITE MINE FOREMAN** certification, you must be at least 25 years of age and have satisfactory evidence of at least five years’ practical experience as a miner, and of good conduct, capability and sobriety.

INDUSTRIAL MINERALS OR SHAFT/SLOPE APPLICANTS:

The eligibility criteria are established in Section 207 of Title 25 – Environmental Protection, PA Code Chapter 207, Noncoal Underground Mines, § 207-214.

To apply for **INDUSTRIAL MINERALS MINE FOREMAN** certification the individual shall:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Have at least 2 years of practical experience as a noncoal underground miner or have 1 year of practical experience as a noncoal underground miner and either possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in mining engineering, possess a certificate of qualification under Section 205 of the Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Mine Act (52 P.S. § 70-205) or Section 202 of the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act (52 P.S. § 690-202) or possess an acceptable certificate of qualification issued by another state. **and**

To apply for **SHAFT/SLOPE FOREMAN** certification the individual shall:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Have at least 2 years of practical experience in the sinking of slopes and shafts **or**
   
   Have 1 year of practical experience in the sinking of slopes and shafts **and** either possess:
   
   a. A Bachelor of Science Degree in mining engineering.
   b. A certificate of qualification to be a coal mine foreman or assistant coal mine foreman issued pursuant to the Acts.
   c. A certificate of qualification to be an industrial mineral underground mine foreman.
   d. An acceptable certificate of qualification issued by another state. **and**
3. Possess a Pennsylvania Underground Industrial Minerals Blaster’s License or Mine Opening Blaster’s License.
Application for Mine Officials Certification

READ BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION: After you have (a) answered questions 1-5, (b) had three persons complete the certificate of character (question 6), and (c) obtained notarized statements from each of the mines at which you have worked (question 7), then sign your name at the bottom of each page of the application and complete the affidavit on the last page in the presence of a notary public.

1. Check the appropriate box: MIIN # (MSHA Individual Identification #) ____________
   (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY FOR THIS EXAMINATION)
   □ Anthracite Mine Foreman □ Industrial Minerals Mine Foreman □ Shaft/Slope Foreman

2. Name ________________________________ Social Security No. (Last four) XXX-XX-_______
   Address ________________________________ Date of Birth ________ Age: ________
   ________________________________ State Zip Code ________________________________ State
   City __________________________ State __________________________ Zip Code
   Phone (include area code) _____________ Are you a citizen of the U.S.? __________
   Length and nature of service in or about mines _______________________________________
   Number of years experience in working section ________ Total experience ________
   Current employer _______________________________________________________________
   Employer’s address ______________________________________________________________
   Mine presently employed at _______________________________________________________

3. Have you ever had a mine official certification revoked in the past? Yes [ ] No [ ]

4. Qualifying Education (if necessary, complete on additional sheet)

   Degree (attach copy) Date Obtained School Total Credit Hours Major
   a. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________ __________
   b. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________ __________

   Prior Certificates Obtained from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (i.e. miners certificate, blasters license, assistant mine foreman, etc.)

   Type of Certificate Date Received Certificate No.
   a. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________
   b. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________
   c. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________
   d. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________
   e. ____________________________ ____________ __________________________

Signature of Applicant ______________________________________________________________
CERTIFICATES OF CHARACTER

6. Have three persons, who are not related to you, complete and sign the certificates of character on this page.

a. I, __________________________, have known the applicant __________________________ for __________________________ years, and, by my signature, I certify that the applicant is a person of good moral character and known temperate habits.

   __________________________________________________________
   (signature of person certifying character)

   My occupation is __________________________ and my address is __________________________

b. I, __________________________, have known the applicant __________________________ for __________________________ years, and, by my signature, I certify that the applicant is a person of good moral character and known temperate habits.

   __________________________________________________________
   (signature of person certifying character)

   My occupation is __________________________ and my address is __________________________

c. I, __________________________, have known the applicant __________________________ for __________________________ years, and, by my signature, I certify that the applicant is a person of good moral character and known temperate habits.

   __________________________________________________________
   (signature of person certifying character)

   My occupation is __________________________ and my address is __________________________

Signature of Applicant __________________________
7. Identify the work experience that establishes your eligibility to take the test for which you are applying. Answer the following questions about each position in which you worked to acquire the required experience. See the instructions for calculating eligibility which are included with this application package.

Job Title: 

Mine Operator: 

Name of Mine: 

Date (Month/Day/Year) on which you began work in this position: 

Date (Month/Day/Year) on which you ceased work in this position: 

Description of your job duties in this position: 

Did you work within 1,000 feet of the face in this position: Yes ☐ No ☐

How many days did you work within 1,000 feet of the face in this position? 

Were you absent from working underground during this time period for reasons such as illness, injury, layoffs, education, military service, or temporary assignment to surface activities? Yes ☐ No ☐

How many days? For what reason(s): 

Who was your immediate supervisor in this position? 

Job Title: 

Mine Operator: 

Name of Mine: 

Date (Month/Day/Year) on which you began work in this position: 

Date (Month/Day/Year) on which you ceased work in this position: 

Description of your job duties in this position: 

Did you work within 1,000 feet of the face in this position: Yes ☐ No ☐

How many days did you work within 1,000 feet of the face in this position? 

Were you absent from working underground during this time period for reasons such as illness, injury, layoffs, education, military service, or temporary assignment to surface activities? Yes ☐ No ☐

How many days? For what reason(s): 

Who was your immediate supervisor in this position? 

Employer's Verification of Work Experience

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of _________________________) SS

________________________________________, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(a) that he/she is or was an official at __________________________;
    (Name of Mine)

(b) that he/ she has reviewed the information provided by the applicant;

(c) that he/ she either has personal knowledge about the applicant's claims about work experience at this mine or has compared the applicant's claims about work experience at this mine with the records of that employer; and

(d) that the information about the applicant's work experience reflected in this application is true and accurate.

________________________________________ (Signature of verifying official)

________________________________________ (Position at Mine)

Signed and sworn to before me
This ______ day of ____________, 2____

________________________________________ (Notary Public)

________________________________________ (Signature of Applicant)
Applicant’s Verification

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
County of ________________________) SS
__________________________, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(a) that he/she has read, understood and followed the instructions for completing this application;

(b) that this application consists of ______ (number) of pages;

(c) that the statements and information provided in this application are true, complete, and correct; and

(d) that it is his/ her intent that the statements and information being provided by this application will be relied upon by the public officials reviewing this application.

______________________________ (Signature of Applicant)

Signed and sworn to before me
This ________ day of ____________, 2____

______________________________ (Notary Public)
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, provides this information to assist you in determining whether you are eligible for the Mine Officials Certification Examination.

“Working section” means “within one thousand (1,000) feet of the face.”

How to count a year –

A year of work means that you were employed doing work underground in a mine for a full year and that you actually worked underground for at least 240 days within that calendar year.

You should:

- **Count** each day you worked as one individual day, even if you worked more than one shift on that day.
- **Count** only days when you worked underground.
- **Not count** days when you worked on the surface.
- **Not count** days when you did not work because of illness, injury, vacation, strike, or education.

Examples:

1. You were employed on October 1 and worked 35 days between October 1 and November 20. On November 21, you became ill and did not return to work until February 1. None of the days between November 20 and February 1 would count toward your one-year calculation. You were not available for work for 72 days which would extend your one year calculation from October 1 by 72 days.

2. You were employed on January 15 and you worked six days a week for forty (40) weeks, without interruption. By November 15 you have already worked 240 days underground; you must continue working until January 15 of the next year to meet the one-year requirement.