



2025

BITUMINOUS MINE OFFICIAL COMPETENCY COURSE

*******PLEASE POST FOR EMPLOYEES TO READ*******

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 14-16	April 15-17	August 12-14	November 18-20
February 11-13	May 13-15	September 16-18	
March 11-13	July 15-17	October 14-16	

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

How to Register:

1. **Send to:** RA-EPBMSREG@pa.gov.
2. **Subject:** “BMOCC” - [Class Date]” Example: "BMOCC Class - January 15, 2024"
3. **Email:** Include your name(s), phone number, and email address

We’ll confirm your registration.