

(2.) Every application for examination for an underviewer's or a fireman and deputy's certificate shall be in Form 6 in the Schedule hereto, and shall be forwarded at least one month before the date fixed for the examination to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Mines Department, Wellington, accompanied by a fee of £1 in the case of an application for an underviewer's certificate or a fee of 15s. in the case of an application for a fireman and deputy's certificate.

(3.) Every applicant for examination for an underviewer's or fireman and deputy's certificate shall also forward with his application—

- (a.) A medical certificate that his senses of sight and hearing are not defective;
- (b.) A certificate or certificates from his previous employers that he has had not less than three years' experience in underground workings in a coal-mine in the case of the holder of a mine-manager's certificate granted after examination under the Mining Act, 1908, and not less than five years' such experience in any other case;
- (c.) A certificate at date from his employer as to his general conduct and sobriety;
- (d.) A first-aid certificate of the St. John Ambulance Association or other body approved by the Board of Examiners showing that he is fitted to give first aid to persons requiring it.

In exceptional cases an applicant, at the discretion of the Board, may be allowed to sit for the examination, but in no case will an underviewer's or fireman and deputy's certificate be issued until an approved first-aid certificate is produced.

9. For the purpose of enabling the Board to determine whether the candidate possesses the requisite practical experience, his application shall specify accurately and definitely the respective mines in which he has been employed, and the duration and nature of his employment in or at each mine.

10. (1.) The examination for underviewers' certificates shall be partly written and partly oral and practical, and shall include the following subjects:—

- (a.) Working coal and timbering underground.
- (b.) Ventilation, mine-gases, spontaneous combustion, inflammability of coaldust.
- (c.) Dealing with old workings and other sources of danger.
- (d.) Arithmetic and a knowledge of the Coal-mines Act, 1908 (so far as this relates to the working and safety of mines), and amendments thereof, and of the general rules, special rules, and regulations made thereunder.
- (e.) Accurate tests for inflammable gas with a safety-lamp.  
(NOTE.—The candidate must be able to judge by the size and appearance of the cap how much gas approximately is present. He will be tested with percentages of gas from 2 per cent. upwards, and no candidate will pass who is unable to see a 2-per cent. cap.)
- (f.) A candidate will be required to show that he can measure the quantity of air in an air-current.
- (g.) The candidate's hearing will be tested, and should be such as to enable him to carry out his duties efficiently.

(2.) The examination for firemen and deputies shall be oral and practical, and shall include—

- (a.) Working coal and timbering underground;
- (b.) Ventilation, mine-gases, spontaneous combustion, and inflammability of coaldust;
- (c.) A knowledge of the general rules, special rules, and regulations under the Coal-mines Act, 1908;
- (d.) Also the requirements set out in paragraphs (e) and (g) of subclause (1) hereof.

11. Underviewers' certificates by examination shall be in Form 4 and firemen and deputies' certificates shall be in Form 5 in the Schedule hereto.

12. In urgent cases individuals may, at the discretion of the Board, be allowed a special examination in Wellington, or other examining centre after due notice is given, provided that the regulations have been complied with, and that a special fee (in no case less than £2 2s.) sufficient to cover the expenses of the examination has been paid.

#### CERTIFICATES BY EXCHANGE.

13. (1.) Every application for a certificate of competency without examination (by exchange) as mine-manager, underviewer, or fireman-deputy under section 28 of the Coal-mines Act, 1908 (as set forth in section 5 of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914) shall be made in writing under the hand of the applicant to the Secretary, Board of Examiners, Mines Department, Wellington.

- (2.) The application shall be accompanied by—
  - (a.) The corresponding certificate it is desired to exchange;
  - (b.) A fee of £1 1s.
  - (c.) A statutory declaration that the applicant is the person named in the certificate, and is the lawful holder of such certificate.

(d.) Evidence of his practical experience as a coal-miner.

(e.) A certificate at date from some person of repute as to the general conduct and sobriety of the applicant.

(3.) No certificate shall be granted unless and until the Board is satisfied that the applicant is of good character and repute, and is a *bona fide* resident of New Zealand, and that the standard of training and examinations required for the grant of such a certificate is equivalent to that required for the grant of a corresponding certificate under the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

(4.) (a.) Certificates by exchange shall only be granted by the Board after the applicant has satisfied the Board by oral examination that he has a satisfactory knowledge of the Coal-mines Act, 1908, together with the amendments thereof and the regulations made thereunder.

(b.) The oral examination shall be conducted by two members of the Board or a member of the Board and an Inspector of Mines.

(c.) Mine-managers' certificates without examination (by exchange) shall be in Form 3 in the Schedule hereto.

(d.) Underviewers' and firemen and deputies' certificates without examination (by exchange) shall be in Form 7 in the Schedule hereto.

#### DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES.

14. (1.) Every application for a duplicate of any certificate issued under this Act shall be made in writing under the hand of the applicant to the Secretary, Board of Examiners, Mines Department, Wellington.

(2.) The application shall state the nature and class of certificate it is desired to obtain a duplicate of, and the number and date of same if possible.

(3.) The application shall be accompanied by—

- (a.) A fee of 10s.
- (b.) A statutory declaration that the applicant is the person named in such certificate and is the lawful holder thereof. The declaration shall also set forth how such certificate came to be lost or destroyed, the date of the loss, and such other particulars as may be required.

#### GAS-TESTING CERTIFICATES.

15. A fee of 7s. 6d. shall be charged for each gas-testing certificate issued, one-third of which fee shall be paid to the Director of the School of Mines at which such gas-test is made.

16. No certificate shall be issued to any person without first being forwarded to the Secretary, Board of Examiners, for counter-signature.

#### GENERAL.

17. Every application for a certificate of competency as mine-manager, underviewer, or fireman-deputy, either by examination or by exchange, and every application for a duplicate certificate of any nature whatsoever granted under the Coal-mines Act, 1908, prior to examination, or, as the case may be, issue of such exchange or duplicate certificate shall be forwarded by the Secretary of the Board to the Inspector of Mines for the district for inquiry and report as to the *bona fides* of the applicant.

18. Forms 1 to 7 in the Schedule to the principal regulations are hereby revoked, and the forms set forth in the Schedule hereto are hereby substituted in lieu thereof.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### FORM 1.

[Reg. 6.]

##### The Coal-mines Act, 1908.

##### FIRST-CLASS MINE-MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE.

Office of Board of Examiners,

Wellington,

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No. THIS is to certify that [State the name in full, address, and occupation of person examined] has produced a certificate from his previous employers that he has been actually engaged in underground workings in a coal-mine for the period prescribed, and has passed a satisfactory written and oral examination as a first-class mine-manager of a coal-mine, as required by the Coal-mines Act, 1908, and the regulations made thereunder.

A. B.,

Chairman of Board of Examiners.

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C. D., Secretary.

##### FORM 2.

[Reg. 6.]

##### The Coal-mines Act, 1908.

##### SECOND-CLASS MINE-MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE.

Office of Board of Examiners,

Wellington,

19 .

No. THIS is to certify that [State the name in full, address, and occupation of person examined] has produced a certificate from