



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1561.17 Qualifications of foreperson of mine or nongaseous mines - recertification.

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(A) A person who applies for a certificate as mine foreperson or foreperson of nongaseous mines shall be able to read and write the English language; shall have had at least three years' actual practical experience in mines, or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources management; and shall have knowledge of the dangers and nature of noxious gases. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee established in rules adopted under this section to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) A person who has been issued a certificate as a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine and who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of more than two calendar years shall apply for and obtain recertification from the chief in accordance with rules adopted under this section before performing the duties of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine. An applicant for recertification shall pay a fee established in rules adopted under this section at the time of application for recertification.

(C) A person who has been issued a certificate as a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine and who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of one or more calendar years shall successfully complete a retraining course in accordance with rules adopted under this section before performing the duties of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine.

(D) The chief, in consultation with a statewide association representing the coal mining industry and a statewide association representing employees of coal mines, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe requirements, criteria, and procedures for the recertification of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of more than two calendar years;



- (2) Prescribe requirements, criteria, and procedures for the retraining of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of one or more calendar years;
 - (3) Establish fees for the examination and recertification of mine forepersons or forepersons of nongaseous coal mines under this section;
 - (4) Prescribe any other requirements, criteria, and procedures that the chief determines are necessary to administer this section.
- (E) Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation fund created in section 1561.48 of the Revised Code.