



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:10-1-04 Mine medical responder.

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(A) Training requirements. A mine medical responder, as defined in section 1565.15 of the Revised Code, shall be trained and certified in accordance with this rule. Mine medical responder training shall include all of the following:

(1) An initial mine medical responder training course of a minimum of eighty-three hours, taught by a mine medical responder certification instructor. The training course shall be developed by the mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management and approved by the chief and shall include a course agenda and material that specifically focus on treating injuries and illnesses associated with underground coal mining;

(2) A final examination, developed by the mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management and approved by the chief, taken at the completion of the initial training course, that directly measures the skills, abilities and learned proficiencies of the student. Part of this examination shall be written; part shall be verbal and hands-on, during which the student shall exhibit acquired skills and proficiencies for the treatment of injured miners including splinting, bandaging, control of bleeding and preparation for transport;

(3) A mine medical responder refresher training course of a minimum of sixteen hours every two years following initial certification as a mine medical responder, taught by a mine medical responder certification instructor. The training course shall be developed by the mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management and approved by the chief and shall include a course agenda and material that specifically focus on treating injuries and illnesses associated with underground coal mining; and

(4) Any other requirements, criteria or procedures that the chief determines are necessary regarding the training, examination, and refresher training of mine medical responders.

(B) Eligibility requirements for mine medical responder.



(1) Persons with a current EMT or paramedic certificate.

(a) An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic, as defined in section 1565.15 of the Revised Code, whose certification is current shall automatically receive the mine medical responder certification upon submission to the chief of an application for certification and presentation of his or her current EMT or paramedic certificate. An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic from a state other than Ohio shall also submit to the chief a letter from the certifying authority stating that the applicant's EMT or paramedic certification is current and in good standing in that state.

(b) An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic who automatically receives the mine medical responder certification under paragraph (B)(1)(a) of this rule and who does not renew his or her EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic certificate pursuant to rule 4765-8-04 of the Administrative Code shall continue to meet the requirements of a mine medical responder provided he or she applies for and successfully completes the mine medical responder refresher training course described in paragraph (A)(3) of this rule during the same calendar year as the date of the expiration of his or her EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic certificate. This person shall attend the entire mine medical responder refresher training course in order to successfully complete it.

(2) Persons applying for initial mine medical responder training and certification. A person who applies for initial training, examination, and certification as a mine medical responder shall:

(a) Be able to read and write the English language; and

(b) Show proof of successful completion of new miner training, which shall include all parts of the new miner training required under 30 C.F.R. 48.5 with the exception of the approximately eight hours of training that shall be given at the minesite as required under paragraph (a) of 30 C.F.R. 48.5.

(C) Fees for initial training, examination, and refresher training.

(1) An applicant for initial training as a mine medical responder shall pay a non-refundable fee of two hundred fifty dollars, submitted on the first day of the initial mine medical responder training course.



(2) An applicant for the mine medical responder final examination shall pay a non-refundable fee of two hundred fifty dollars, submitted at the time the examination is taken.

(3) An applicant applying to retake part or all of the final examination shall pay a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars, submitted at the time the examination is retaken.

(4) An applicant for mine medical responder refresher training shall pay a non-refundable fee of one hundred dollars, submitted on the first day of the mine medical responder refresher training course.

(5) The fee shall not be refunded if the applicant does not successfully complete the mine medical responder training course, examination, or refresher training course.

(6) Fees collected under paragraph (C) of this rule shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

(D) Certification.

(1) The chief shall issue a mine medical responder certificate to each applicant for mine medical responder certification who successfully completes the initial mine medical responder training course under paragraph (A)(1) of this rule and passes the final examination of paragraph (A)(2) of this rule.

(a) The applicant shall attend all parts of the training course in order to successfully complete it.

(b) The applicant shall attain a grade of eighty per cent or higher on each part of the examination to pass.

(c) An applicant not attaining a passing grade on one part of the examination may apply to retake that part only. An applicant not attaining a passing grade on two or more parts of the examination shall wait at least thirty days and may then apply to retake the entire examination. The chief shall allow an applicant to retake the examination only one time.

(d) An applicant who fails to pass the examination after retaking all or part of it shall not be certified



unless he or she again successfully completes the initial mine medical responder training course of paragraph (A)(1) of this rule and then passes the final examination of paragraph (A)(2) of this rule.

(2) Certification shall expire two years after the date of issuance unless the mine medical responder applies for and successfully completes the mine medical responder refresher training course described in paragraph (A)(3) of this rule during the same calendar year as the date of expiration of the certification. The mine medical responder shall attend the entire refresher training course in order to successfully complete it. The mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management shall establish a regular schedule for mine medical responder refresher training.

(3) A person who allows his or her mine medical responder certification to expire may apply to the chief for recertification, including with the application a detailed explanation of why the certification was not renewed on time. The chief shall review such an application on a case-by-case basis and shall determine whether the person may be recertified by successfully completing the mine medical responder refresher training course of paragraph (A)(3) of this rule or by successfully completing the initial mine medical responder training course and passing the final examination of paragraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2) of this rule.

(E) Credentials for mine medical responder certification instructors. A mine medical responder certification instructor shall be:

(1) An employee of the division of mineral resources management who is an EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic, as defined in section 1565.15 of the Revised Code;

(2) An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic, as defined in section 1565.15 of the Revised Code, contracted by the division of mineral resources management to provide mine medical responder instruction; or

(3) An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic who meets the requirements of paragraph (F) of this rule.

(F) Mine medical responder training provided by an operator. A operator of an underground coal mine who wishes to provide mine medical responder training for his or her own employees shall follow the requirements and modified fee structure of paragraph (F) of this rule.



(1) Mine medical responder certification instructors hired by an operator. An operator may use an employee or a contracted worker to conduct the initial mine medical responder training of paragraph (A)(1) of this rule and the mine medical responder refresher training of paragraph (A)(3) of this rule provided the employee or contracted worker is an EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic, as defined in section 1565.15 of the Revised Code, who meets the following requirements:

(a) The EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic shall apply to the chief to be approved as a mine medical responder certification instructor, successfully complete the initial mine medical responder training course of paragraph (A)(1) of this rule, pass the examination of paragraph (A)(2) of this rule, and pay the fees required under paragraphs (C)(1) and (C)(2) of this rule. An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic from a state other than Ohio shall also submit to the chief a letter from the certifying authority stating that the applicant's EMT or paramedic certification is current and in good standing in that state. An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic who meets the requirements of this paragraph shall be approved by the chief as a mine medical responder certification instructor; and

(b) An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic who is approved by the chief as a mine medical responder certification instructor shall annually submit to the chief documentation to show that his or her EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic certification is current.

(2) Initial mine medical responder training. An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic who is approved by the chief as a mine medical responder certification instructor under paragraph (F)(1) of this rule shall use the initial mine medical responder training course of paragraph (A)(1) of this rule to conduct initial mine medical responder training and shall complete and sign an MSHA form 5000-23 for each applicant who, pursuant to paragraph (D)(1)(a) of this rule, successfully completes the initial mine medical responder training. The applicant shall submit a copy of the completed and signed MSHA form 5000-23 to the chief when applying to take the final examination of paragraph (A)(2) of this rule.

(3) Mine medical responder refresher training. An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic who is approved by the chief as a mine medical responder certification instructor under paragraph (F)(1) of this rule shall use the refresher training course of paragraph (A)(3) of this rule to conduct mine medical responder refresher training and shall complete and sign an MSHA form 5000-23 for each applicant



who, pursuant to paragraph (D)(2) of this rule, successfully completes the refresher training. The applicant shall submit a copy of the completed and signed MSHA form 5000-23 to the chief to show that he or she has met the refresher training requirements of paragraph (D)(2) of this rule.

(4) Modified fee structure for mine medical responder training provided by an operator. An applicant for initial mine medical responder training who is being trained pursuant to paragraph (F)(2) of this rule shall not pay the fee required under paragraph (C)(1) of this rule. An applicant for mine medical responder refresher training who is being trained pursuant to paragraph (F)(3) of this rule shall not pay the fee required under paragraph (C)(4) of this rule.