



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

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(A) Training. 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 will 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 will be developed by the mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management and approved by the chief and will 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 will be written; part will be verbal and hands-on, during which the student will 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 will be developed by the mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management and approved by the chief and will 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 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 will 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 is to 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 will 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. Attendance at the entire mine medical responder refresher training course is necessary 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 is to meet the following conditions:

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

(b) Show proof of successful completion of new miner training, including all parts of the new miner training set forth in 30 C.F.R. 48.5 with the exception of the approximately eight hours of training that will be given at the minesite as set forth in 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 will pay a non-refundable fee in an amount determined by the chief, submitted on the first day of the initial mine medical responder



training course.

(2) An applicant for the mine medical responder final examination will pay a non-refundable fee in an amount determined by the chief, submitted at the time the examination is taken.

(3) An applicant applying to retake part or all of the final examination will pay a non-refundable fee in an amount determined by the chief, submitted at the time the examination is retaken.

(4) An applicant for mine medical responder refresher training will pay a non-refundable fee in an amount determined by the chief, submitted on the first day of the mine medical responder refresher training course.

(5) The fee will 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 will 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 will 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) Attendance at all parts of the training course is necessary in order to successfully complete it.

(b) Attaining a grade of eighty per cent or higher on each part of the examination is necessary 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 may apply to retake the entire examination no sooner than thirty days after receiving notice of their grades. An applicant may retake the examination only one time.



(d) An applicant who fails to pass the examination after retaking all or part of it will 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 will 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. Attendance at the entire refresher training course is necessary in order to successfully complete it. The mine safety program of the division of mineral resources management will 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 will review such an application on a case-by-case basis and 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 is to have at least the following credentials:

(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 has complied with 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 is to



comply with the following:

(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 qualifications:

(a) The EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic is to 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 under paragraphs (C)(1) and (C)(2) of this rule. An EMT-basic, EMT-I or paramedic from a state other than Ohio is to 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 qualifications set forth in this paragraph will 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 is to 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 will use the initial mine medical responder training course of paragraph (A)(1) of this rule to conduct initial mine medical responder training and will 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 is to 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 will use the refresher training course of paragraph (A)(3) of this rule to conduct mine medical



responder refresher training and will 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 is to 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 will not pay the fee set forth in 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 will not pay the fee set forth in paragraph (C)(4) of this rule.