



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1561.12 Registration and qualifications of applicants.

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An applicant for any examination or certificate under this section shall, before being examined, register the applicant's name with the chief of the division of mineral resources management and file with the chief an affidavit as to all matters of fact establishing the applicant's right to receive the examination and a certificate from a reputable and disinterested physician, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner as to the physical condition of the applicant showing that the applicant is physically capable of performing the duties of the office or position.

Each applicant for examination for any of the following positions shall present evidence satisfactory to the chief that the applicant has been a resident and citizen of this state for two years next preceding the date of application:

(A) An applicant for the position of deputy mine inspector of underground mines shall have had actual practical experience of not less than six years in underground mines. In lieu of two of the six years of actual practical experience required in underground mines, the chief may accept as the equivalent thereof a certificate evidencing graduation from an accredited school of mines or mining, after a four-year course of study.

The applicant shall pass an examination as to the applicant's practical and technological knowledge of mine surveying, mining machinery, and appliances; the proper development and operation of mines; the best methods of working and ventilating mines; the nature, properties, and powers of noxious, poisonous, and explosive gases, particularly methane; the best means and methods of detecting, preventing, and removing the accumulation of such gases; the use and operation of gas detecting devices and appliances; first aid to the injured; and the uses and dangers of electricity as applied and used in, at, and around mines. The applicant shall also hold a certificate for foreperson of gaseous mines issued by the chief.

(B) An applicant for the position of deputy mine inspector of surface mines shall have had actual practical mining experience of not less than six years in surface mines. In lieu of two of the six years



of actual practical experience required, the chief may accept as the equivalent thereof a certificate evidencing graduation from an accredited school of mines or mining, after a four-year course of study. The applicant shall pass an examination as to the applicant's practical and technological knowledge of surface mine surveying, machinery, and appliances; the proper development and operations of surface mines; first aid to the injured; and the use and dangers of explosives and electricity as applied and used in, at, and around surface mines. The applicant shall also hold a surface mine foreperson certificate issued by the chief.

(C) An applicant for the position of electrical inspector shall have had at least five years' practical experience in the installation and maintenance of electrical circuits and equipment in mines, and the applicant shall be thoroughly familiar with the principles underlying the safety features of permissible and approved equipment as authorized and used in mines.

The applicant shall be required to pass the examination required for deputy mine inspectors and an examination testing and determining the applicant's qualification and ability to competently inspect and administer the mining law that relates to electricity used in and around mines and mining in this state.

(D) An applicant for the position of superintendent or assistant superintendent of rescue stations shall possess the same qualifications as those required for a deputy mine inspector. In addition, the applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the chief that the applicant is sufficiently qualified and trained to organize, supervise, and conduct group training classes in first aid, safety, and rescue work.

The applicant shall pass the examination required for deputy mine inspectors and shall be tested as to the applicant's practical and technological experience and training in first aid, safety, and mine rescue work.

(E) An applicant for the position of mine chemist shall have such educational training as is represented by the degree MS in chemistry from a university of recognized standing, and at least five years of actual practical experience in research work in chemistry or as an assistant chemist. The chief may provide that an equivalent combination of education and experience together with a wide knowledge of the methods of and skill in chemical analysis and research may be accepted in lieu of



the above qualifications. It is preferred that the chemist shall have had actual experience in mineralogy and metallurgy.