



PREPARATION PLANT FOREMAN

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Article 3 of the **Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia** establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.2-515. through §45.2-534. in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Preparation Plant Foreman*

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform foreman and/or examiner duties at preparation plant as required by State and Federal Laws and Codes
- Record the findings on on-shift examinations

NOTE: This certification may be used at Docks.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
 - **Note:** Classes are limited to 20 people and tend to fill quickly. Application fees are due no later than 5 working days prior to the examination, but this will not guarantee that an opening will be available.
- Five years of coal mining experience, at least one year shall be at a preparation plant or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines. Applicants may be given three years credit for a degree in mining engineering or two years credit for a degree in mining technology.

NOTE: Experience must be submitted within 5 years of passing the examination.

After 5 years records are destroyed. Must reapply if future certification is desired.

- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Hold a General Miner Certification as part of this certification (A card will be issued)

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: A score of 80% on each element of the examination

<u>ELEMENTS OF EXAM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</u>
Preparation Plant Examination	
▪ Electrical and Equipment (EE)	20
▪ First Aid (FA)	20
▪ Federal Regs (FR)	20
▪ Mine Foremanship (MF)	20
▪ Surface Mining Laws (MP)	20
▪ Gas Detection - practical demonstration	
▪ Records – Practical – Daily and On-Shift Examination (P/O)	

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

- Title 30 CFR Part 50, 71, 77 (Included in study guide)
- Preparation Plant Foreman Study Guide (\$8.00)
- Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia (\$25.00)
- BCME Requirements (No Charge)
- First Aid for Miners Study Guide (\$15.00)

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Virginia Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, (276) 523-8100.