

## Experience Requirement for Underground Coal Mine Foreman's Certification

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### Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Section 31

31 (2) A Director of Inspection may issue an underground coal mine foreman's certificate to a worker

- (a) with experience totaling at least 5 years in an underground coal mine, including at least one year of working at the working face or its equivalent,
- (b) who is knowledgeable about blasting procedures and underground rescue procedures,
- (c) who holds a standard first aider certificate, and
- (d) who satisfies a Director of Inspection that the applicant is competent to hold an underground coal mine foreman's certificate

or who satisfies worker who satisfies a Director of Inspection that the worker holds valid and current documentation from an equivalent certifying authority in another jurisdiction of Canada that is an underground coal mine foremans' certificate in that jurisdiction or that is recognized by that Director as the equivalent in that jurisdiction of an underground coal mine foremans' certificate issuable under this section.

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### **Experience Guidelines**

- Timbering, roof/side bolting, setting support at the face, hydraulic support operator
- Continuous miner, shearer/plough operator/helper
- Work associated with conveyor systems
- Back repairs, brushing, retimbering
- Ventilation, rock dusting, stoppings
- Material haulage
- Cross measure drifts or tunnelling through rock or coal seams
- Piping, pumping, fire fighting systems
- Shaft sinking
- Surveying, other engineering duties
- Maintenance works
- Drilling and shot firing and/or blasting
- Other experience related to underground coal mining approved by OHS

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