

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0114

ENROLLED ACT NO. 24, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2004 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to mines and minerals; providing for the education and experience requirements for certification of mine foremen and mine examiners as specified; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 30-2-309(a)(ii), (c) and (e) by creating a new paragraph (vi) is amended to read:

30-2-309. Mine foreman and mine examiner certificates; qualifications; certificate required; reciprocity; council duties.

(a) No person shall act as mine foreman or safety engineer at any underground mine unless he holds a mine foreman certificate for the type of mineral being mined. To obtain a mine foreman certificate for a particular mineral an applicant shall pass the required examination for the particular mineral. An applicant for the mine foreman examination shall:

(ii) Except as otherwise provided, provide verifiable documentation that he has at least three (3) years practical experience in the mining of the mineral in which he desires to hold a mine foreman certificate. Practical experience shall be determined from practical work of a "hands-on" nature, directly related to the hazards involved in the type of mine for which the certificate is sought. Underground coal mine experience shall qualify for gassy metal or nonmetal mine experience. The council may grant one (1) year's experience credit for not less than five (5) years' experience in an underground gassy metal or nonmetal mine ~~experience shall not qualify~~ for underground coal mine experience. Surface mine

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experience in a different mineral may be considered by the council when qualifying an applicant to take the examination for surface foreman certification. The council may grant one (1) year experience credit for not less than ten (10) years experience in another type of mine or in an industry similar in nature to mining;

(c) A mining engineering degree from an accredited college or university shall be considered the equivalent of one (1) year practical experience for mine foreman certificate and one (1) year for mine examiner certificate. An approved degree from an accredited college or university which degree is related to mining may be considered the equivalent of one (1) year practical experience for mine foreman certificate and one (1) year for mine examiner certificate. In no case shall practical experience credit for ~~an engineering~~ a degree, mining experience credit or a combination thereof exceed one (1) year for a mine foreman certificate or one (1) year for a mine examiner certificate. For purposes of this section ~~an engineering~~ a degree shall be limited to a baccalaureate, master's or doctorate degree. ~~in mining engineering.~~

(e) The state mining council shall include in its rules for implementation of this article, the following:

(vi) Criteria for granting experience credit for purposes of this section.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____
DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk