



SURFACE FACILITIES FOREMAN FOR SHOPS, LABS AND WAREHOUSES

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 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 (VR 480-04-2), which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: **Surface Facilities Foreman For Shops, Labs & Warehouses*

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform foreman and/or examiner duties at shops, labs and warehouses required by State and Federal laws and regulations

NOTE: This certification shall not be used in lieu of other certifications.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$10.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
- Possess one year work experience at a shop, lab or warehouse or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines
- Current first aid training (MSHA first aid 5000-23 acceptable)

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

ELEMENTS OF EXAM	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS
First Aid	20
Surface Facilities	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electrical ▪ Equipment ▪ Examinations ▪ Fire Prevention ▪ General Provisions ▪ Personal Protection ▪ Gas Detection - practical demonstration ▪ Records – practical (not implemented) 	

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

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| ■ Title 30 CFR Part 50, 71, 77 | ■ Surface Facilities Foreman Guide |
| ■ Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia | ■ MSHA (Basic First Aid) Manual 3 |
| ■ BCME Requirements | ■ Mine Gases Packet |

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy’s Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Keen Mountain Field Office (276) 498-4533.