



16 May 2022

Dear Site Senior Executives

Re: Open Cut Examiners – Certificate of Proficiency in Mine Gases and Gas Testing

As advised to you back on 6th September 2021 the competency standards for OCE were changed by the Coal Mining Safety and Health Advisory Committee (CMSHAC) with a requirement for existing Open Cut Examiners and new applicants to have the RIENV301E: Conduct atmospheric monitoring qualification. This qualification was required to be obtained by 17th June 2022.

After this decision the Board of Examiners implemented the additional requirement for the OCE to obtain the certificate of Proficiency in Mine Gases and Gas Testing, as delivered by the Queensland Mines Rescue Service. This additional requirement was communicated to new applicants in September 2021.

To ensure a consistent approach with existing OCEs it is agreed that the requirement for this cohort be extended to the 30th of September 2022, consistent with the notice to new applicants. Further, following several enquirers concerning OCE holding Deputy Certificates the Board of Examiners agreed that should an OCE hold a current Deputy Certificate and valid Mine Gases and Gas Testing Certificate issued by the Queensland Mines Rescue Service, there is no requirement for them to obtain a further Mine Gases and Gas Testing Certificate.

For the avoidance of doubt as Site Senior Executive it is your obligation in accordance with section 42 (h) (iii) and section 59 (i) of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999 to ensure all Open Cut Examiners appointed on your site hold these 2 qualifications, required to satisfy their appointment as an Open Cut Examiner, by the due dates of 17th June 2022 (RIENV301E: Conduct atmospheric monitoring) and 30 September 2022 (Certificate of Proficiency in Mine Gases and Gas Testing, as delivered by the Queensland Mines Rescue Service).

Please note, as previously advised, a JP certified copy of the statements of attainment will need to be provided to the Board of Examiners as evidence of completion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Newman'.

Peter Newman

Chair Queensland Board of Examiners

Chief Inspector of Coal Mines