What certifications are offered?

Mineral Mining Program administers the Certification program for persons working in mineral mines whose duties require competency, skill and knowledge to perform consistently and safely.

The following certifications are offered by the Mineral Mining Program:

- General Mineral Miner (GMM)
- Foreman (Surface, Open Pit and Underground)
- Blaster (Surface and Underground)
- Electrical Repairman

How do I Obtain Training?

Mineral Mining Program provides mine safety training services to operators and contractors free of charge.

You may contact our Mineral Mining Team to assist in determining your specific training needs.

Mineral Mining Program offers a variety of training services from classroom instruction, safety training presentations including various annual refresher topics, certification study guides, video lending, as well as self-contained, on-line instruction for our General Mineral Miner Certification program.

Visit our website for additional information and to take a look at our training materials.

www.energy.virginia.gov/Mineral-Mining/mineralmining.shtml

What are the requirements for certification?

Most mineral mine certifications require specific minimum requirements, including a certain number of years of acceptable experience and additional occupational training such as First Aid. The Electrical Repairman Certification requires that an applicant hold a current DPOR Journeyman Electrician’s License or have equivalent competency. GMM does not have such requirements. Reciprocity is offered for Mines certifications.

How do I apply for certification?

It’s easy! You may apply for certification on-line:

www.energy.virginia.gov/MineralMiningInquiry
**How much does a certification cost?**

There is a $10 fee for each certification application.

The online Certification Application process will accept payment via credit card (Master Card, Visa or Discover) or a check.

**Do I have to renew my Certification?**

All certifications, except GMM, must be renewed every 5 years, which is completed by either attending a renewal class or taking an examination.

General Mineral Miner does not require renewal.

**Questions? Contact our office at:**

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