

Criteria for Evaluation to Receive an “MSHA Approved Instructor” Qualification

Application for an “MSHA Approved Underground Instructor” (IU) Qualification or an “MSHA Approved Surface Instructor” (IS) Qualification will consist of;

- A resume describing:
 - work history
 - work experience
 - trainer/instructor experience in any field
 - education
- Certificate of completion of an MSHA approved “Train the Trainer Workshop” (Mandatory) Certificate not required

The district manager of each district in which the applicant applies will make the final selection of persons to become “MSHA Approved Instructors” based on information submitted within the resume and successful completion of an MSHA approved “Train the Trainer Workshop”.

Qualification Guidelines:

- IU Qualification
 - Requires 3 years practical underground mining experience
 - Certificate of completion of an MSHA approved Train the Trainer Workshop
- IS Qualification
 - Requires 3 years practical surface mining experience
 - Certificate of completion of an MSHA approved Train the Trainer Workshop

There are two methods to meet the mining experience guideline qualification. A minimum three years of practical mining experience or a combination of mining experience, education, and/or trainer/instructor experience.

Method 1: Straight Mining Experience

- Mining Experience:
 - 3 years minimum practical underground mining experience for underground MSHA Approved Instructor Qualification (IU)
 - 3 years minimum practical surface mining experience for surface MSHA Approved Instructor Qualification (IS)

Method 2: Combination of Mining Experience and Education and or Trainer/Instructor experience to meet the three year minimum mining experience criteria

- One year practical underground mining experience for IU qualification – mandatory
 - Documentation of mining experience is required
- One year practical surface mining experience for IS qualification – mandatory
 - Documentation of mining experience is required
- An applicant may receive no more than 2 years credit towards the 3 year mining experience requirement for IS or IU with either of the following situations or a combination the following situations
 - Education may be credited towards mining experience. Transcripts are required: (maximum 2 year credit)
 - 1 Year mining experience may be credited for an Associate’s degree in a mining or safety related field of study or an adult education field of study
 - 2 Years mining experience may be credited for a Bachelor’s degree in a mining or safety related field of study or an adult education field of study
 - Trainer/Instructor Experience in or out of the mining field may be credited towards mining experience. Documentation of trainer or instructor experience is required: (maximum 2 year credit)
 - 1 Year mining experience may be credited for 1 year trainer or instructor experience
 - 2 Years mining experience may be credited for 2 or more years trainer or instructor experience

Regardless of the method for accruing the mining experience requirement, a certificate of completion of an MSHA approved “Train the Trainer” workshop is mandatory for all applicants.