



Hunter Valley Mines Rescue Station

NSW COAL MINES

GENERIC OH&S

UNDERGROUND

INDUCTION

COURSE SPECIFICATIONS

Preamble

This training program was developed in response to a client request to provide new starters at NSW Underground Coal Sites with the knowledge and skills to operate safely in an underground workplace.

Competency Standards

The standards on which the course is based are in line with current industry standards, BHP Billiton standards, Australian Standards and units from the Black Coal Competencies.

Participants are trained and assessed against the following units:

- MNCC1001A Work Safely
- MNCC1005A Comply With Site Work Systems
- MNCC 1006A Conduct local risk assessment
- MNCC1007A Communicate in the Workplace
- MNCU1037A Escape From a Hazardous Situation Unaided

Trainer Qualifications

Mines Rescue Personnel conducting the training and assessing participants in the training course will, as a minimum:

- Be recognized by BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal as a 'Preferred Trainer'
- Have appropriate competencies and industrial experience in hazard and risk assessment, OH&S, and safe work practices
- Qualified as Workplace Trainer Certificate IV to the National Workplace Trainer Competency Standard
- Qualified as a Workplace Assessor to the National Workplace Assessor Competency Standard

COURSE INFORMATION

Course information is also available on the application form including all contact details and the facilities address which are at the end of this document.

Pricing:

To provide the above quality training has taken 5 years of planning and budgeting. To run 1 class of 10 participants it requires:

10 Drager Units and refill panel, 10 sabre units and refill panel, 20 CSE SCSR training units, 10 MSA W65 Filter Self Rescuer training units, training room facilities, training gallery facilities, air supply for refilling, 50 pieces of equipment to be washed, disinfected, dried and reassembled along with data

base record keeping as well as a Workplace trainer / assessor for each day along with an additional assessor for certain tasks.

As such we believe our pricing, as indicated on our application forms, is fair and equitable. We have a centralised accounting procedure. Please complete the application form and an account with all relevant taxation details will be forwarded to you after the course. There is no requirement to pre pay or to pay during the course.

Certification:

The NSW Mines Rescue Contractor photo ID card will be issued upon successful completion for the training package [at no extra cost]

Those wishing to apply for the SGS Stax's Card for BHP Billiton Collieries in Wollongong and the SGS Swipe Card for Metropolitan Colliery at Helensburg will complete relevant forms and we will send these to SGS in Wollongong. SGS will not release these cards until they have a copy of your industry medical from Coal Services Health. This medical can only be arranged by an employer and is conducted in all NSW Mining districts

Those who do not have an employer will have their information kept at SGS until the Medical certificate is obtained. SGS will bill the applicant individually for his / her card [see application form for pricing details]

Validity:

This induction is designed for people who are about to start working in the NSW Underground Mining Industry. The Self Escape component of the course is valid for 6 months at Centennial, Anglo and some Xstrata Mines and a 2 hour refresher is required

The entire course is valid for 12 months when a 1 day refresher is required.

If a person has not been working in an Underground Coal Mine environment then a pre course assessment must be completed and 100% achieved.

Failure to achieve 100% may indicate that a complete 4 day Induction training program may need to be undertaken to have the South Coast cards reissued.

Clothing requirements:

The Hunter Valley Mines Rescue Station will supply all course materials and lunch. The course is a mixture of class room and practical activities in a simulated mine environment.

Casual clothing, appropriate to the weather conditions [will get hot, sweaty and dirty], and covered footwear [joggers] is all that is required. All required safety equipment will be supplied

Appropriate clothing for mine visit is required on one day, Safety Boots & clothing.

Accommodation

There are several accommodation options available in the region. Several persons have stayed at the following hotels with positive feedback. Please inform them when booking that you are going to the Mines Rescue Station {we get nothing for his but you might??}

Mid City Motor Inn 180 John St Singleton (02) 6572 2011
In the main street of Singleton close to shops & hotels

Country Comfort Motor Inn Cnr George & Hunter St Singleton (02) 6572 2388
Next to KFC on the highway

Country Acres Caravan Maison-Dieu Rd Singleton (02) 6572 2328
On the Muswellbrook side of Singleton

Agricultural Hotel 4 Munroe St Singleton (02) 6572 1511
Opposite Singleton railway station

All these are within 5 minutes drive of the rescue station
Singleton has a taxi service available on (02) 6571 133

Assessment Methods

The training course is competency based. The assessment criteria are based on the participant's ability to explain and demonstrate relevant material.

Summative assessment is carried out in the form of exercises and theory assessment.

Formative assessment is achieved during the simulated exercises when the participants will demonstrate competency in task analysis and Take 2, hazardous energy identification and control, isolation equipment selection and use fire extinguisher selection and use, fire hose use, CSE & FSR donning, CSE to CSE to Dräger CABA changeover, FSR to SABRE CABA Change over, CABA refilling of both Dräger and Sabre systems, utilization of lifeline in low visibility, manual handling, plan reading, use of communication devices, event reporting.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

In 1925 the New South Wales Government passed the Mines Rescue Act which required a Mines Rescue Organisation to be established. Four Mines Rescue Districts were proclaimed and a Rescue Station was built and fitted out in each District. For a short time the South Maitland and Newcastle Rescue Districts were administrated by a joint committee with a temporary Rescue Station at Bellbird Colliery. Both the Abermain and Newcastle Rescue Stations were based on the design of the Dinas Rescue Station in Porth, Wales.

The South Maitland Mines Rescue Station was opened in Abermaine in 1926 and served until 1984 when, with a change in focus from the South Maitland area to further up the Hunter Valley and an increase in open cut mines the station was relocated to new facilities in Singleton in 1984 with purpose built facilities for surface and underground response and training.

The Station currently employs 7 personnel and supplies a twenty four hours a day 365 days a year response service to the Coal Mining Industry.

How to get there:

The Hunter Valley Mines Rescue Station is located at 6 Lachlan Avenue, Singleton Heights. Singleton is located 80 km north west from Newcastle on the New England Highway.

Once in Singleton continue on the highway through Singleton towards Muswellbrook, over the Hunter River. At the traffic lights over the Hunter Crossing bridge continue on through the lights for a further 300 meters. Turn right into White Avenue, signs to Singleton Heights and Mines Rescue are posted. Continue until sports fields on the right side (approx 600m) and turn left into Wakehurst Crescent, Mines Rescue signs are high on post.

Take the second left into Lachlan Avenue and the station is on the left side just around the corner.