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Invitations for Expressions of Interest to become a Member of the Board of Examiners

The Board of Examiners is constituted under part 10 of the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* and part 10 of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*. Its role is to set exams and issue certificates of competency and notices to people who want to work in statutory positions in the metalliferous and coal mining industries.

The Board's activities contribute to securing the safety and health of workers in mines by ensuring only qualified and competent people are entrusted with key mining roles which, if mishandled, could contribute to injury and loss of life, potentially on a large scale. The Board grants Certificates of Competency to persons assessed as being appropriately qualified to fill statutory safety and health mine management positions in the coal and metalliferous mining industries.

The Board of Examiners consists of a Chairman who is an Inspector and at least six other members, each of whom has had at least ten years practical mining experience and holds a certificate of competency under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* or the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*.

Functions of the Board of Examiners

The Functions of the Board for the Examiners are:

- To decide the competencies necessary for holders of certificates of competency and notices.
- To assess applicants, or have applicants assessed for certificates of competency and notices.
- To grant certificates of competency to persons who have demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction the appropriate competencies necessary to hold the certificates; and
- To ensure the competencies under the above acts are consistent with the competencies required by other States for the holders of certificates of competency.

Certificates of Competency and notices are mandatory for statutory positions defined in the Acts. Certificates are only issued by the Board of Examiners to persons who meet appropriate eligibility criteria, pass a written examination in Queensland mining law and an oral examination in mining practice. The oral examination panels are chaired by a Mines Inspector and include two experienced qualified peers from the mining industry.

Certificates issued by the Board are:

- First Class Mine Managers Certificate of Competency (Underground Metalliferous Mines)
- First Class Mine Managers Certificate of Competency (Underground Coal Mines)
- Second Class Mine Managers Certificate of Competency (Underground Coal Mines)
- Deputy's Certificate of Competency (Underground Coal Mines)
- Open Cut Examiners Certificate of Competency (Surface Coal Mines)
- Ventilation Officer Certificate of Competency (Underground Coal Mines)

The Board Issues Coal Site Senior Executive Notices to persons who have demonstrated their knowledge of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* by undertaking a written mining law examination. The Board now also issues Site Senior Executive Notices for Mineral Mines and Quarries, following changes to the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*.

Expressions of Interest

Individuals who meet the criteria of having at least 10 years practical experience in the mining industry; and hold a Certificate of Competency under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* or the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* are invited to express their interest in appointment to fill vacancies for three-year terms. There are positions, which will shortly become available. The current technical expertise and experience sought is outlined as follows:

- Open Cut Examiner Certificate of Competency Holder, with ten years practical experience.
- Two First Class Mine Manager Certificate of Competency (Underground Metalliferous Mines) Holders, with ten years practical experience.
- First Class Mine Manager Certificate of Competency (Underground Coal Mines) Holder, with ten years practical experience.
- Experience in training or education within the Vocational Education Sector or University Sector will be highly regarded.

Due to anticipated introduction of a Practising Certificate Scheme within the Certificate of Competency framework, applicants must be able to demonstrate capacity to maintain a Practising Certificate through current employment with an operator or engagement as defined within section 186(6) of the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*.

Expressions of Interest received will be considered for any vacancies that arise within the next two years. The selection panel will consider all applications that meet the criteria stipulated.

All Applications must include a Curriculum Vitae of no more than 2 pages and a cover letter outlining their skills and qualifications against the criteria stated to be a board member. Expressions of Interest will only be accepted electronically, email to BOESecretary@rshq.qld.gov.au

Appointment Process

Appointment of Members to the board is by the Governor in Council by gazette notice.

Expressions of Interest close 5pm Thursday 11 March
