

Public comment response template to Discussion Paper: Maintenance of Competence for Practising Certificates
Please send submissions by email to consult.minesafety@industry.nsw.gov.au Submissions must be received by the due date of Monday 1 February 2016.
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Responses to discussion points
1. Is the proposed model for the MOC scheme suitable for application for practising certificate holders in NSW?
Response: Yes, it is suitable.
2. Are the areas of competence and their topics suitable and cover the areas adequately?
Response: Yes, it is suitable.
3a. Are the types of formal and informal learning with their maximum claimable hours suitable?
Response: The formal and informal learning's listed are suitable. Some additional items may include: * technical visit / discussion with mines inspectorate (informal) * regional workshops (for local mines in district to attend), which can be facilitated by mine manager (formal learning) and local mines inspectorate and participation by mine supervisors (informal learning) to share / discuss events / incidents * acting in step-up roles, i.e. if an underground mine supervisor steps up into the mine superintendent role for a period of time and managing the additional responsibilities (informal) * mines inspectorate to sanction RTO training providers to deliver formal training / refresher training
3b. Is the percentage split between the minimum number of formal hours (66%) against a maximum of 33% for informal hours appropriate?
Response: The percentage split between formal and informal training is suitable for mine managers. The percentage split between formal and informal training should be reversed for mine supervisors, i.e. 66% informal and 33% formal training (this would also require a pro-rata for the areas of competence for formal training). It is believed that the informal training for mine supervisors would be far more beneficial with them having a better understanding of their mine operations.
4. Are the numbers of learning hours for each practising certificate and areas of competence appropriate to maintain competence a) per year b) over five years?
a) per year - response Yes, it is suitable (based on the response to 3b).
b) over five years? - response Yes, it is suitable (based on the response to 3b).
5. Are the requirements for certificate holders in the MOC scheme reasonable and practical?
Response: Yes, they seem reasonable and practical (based on the response to 3b).
6a. Are the record keeping requirements for certificate holders to satisfy in the MOC scheme reasonable and practical?
Response: Yes, they seem reasonable and practical.
6b. Are the governance processes proposed by the department adequate to ensure compliance with the MOC scheme by practising certificate holders?
Response: Yes, they seem adequate.