§ 48.6 Experienced miner training.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, this section applies to experienced miners who are—

(1) Newly employed by the operator;

(2) Transferred to the mine;

(3) Experienced underground miners transferred from surface to underground; or

(4) Returning to the mine after an absence of more than 12 months.

(b) Experienced miners must complete the training prescribed in this section before beginning work duties. Each experienced miner returning to mining following an absence of 5 years or more, must receive at least 8 hours of training. The training must include the following instruction:

(1) Introduction to work environment. The course shall include a visit and tour of the mine. The methods of mining utilized at the mine shall be observed and explained.

(2) Mandatory health and safety standards. The course shall include the mandatory health and safety standards pertinent to the tasks to be assigned.

(3) Authority and responsibility of supervisors and miners’ representatives. The course shall include a review and description of the line of authority of supervisors and miners’ representatives and the responsibilities of such supervisors and miners’ representatives; and an introduction to the operator’s rules and the procedures for reporting hazards.

(4) Entering and leaving the mine; transportation; communications. The course shall include instruction in the procedures in effect for entering and leaving the mine; the check-in and checkout system in effect at the mine; the procedures for riding on and in mine conveyances; the controls in effect for the transportation of miners and materials; and the use of the mine communication systems, warning signals, and directional signs.

(5) Mine map; escapeways; emergency evacuation; barricading. The program of instruction for mine emergency evacuation and firefighting approved by the District Manager under 30 CFR 75.1502 or the escape and evacuation plan under 30 CFR 57.11053, as applicable, shall be used for this course. The course shall include—

(i) A review of the mine map; the escapeway system; the escape, firefighting, and emergency evacuation plans in effect at the mine; and the location of abandoned areas; and
§ 48.7 Training of miners assigned to a task in which they have had no previous experience; minimum courses of instruction.

(a) Miners assigned to new work tasks as mobile equipment operators, drilling machine operators, haulage and conveyor systems operators, roof and ground control machine operators, and those in blasting operations shall not perform new work tasks in these categories until training prescribed in this paragraph and paragraph (b) of this section has been completed. This