

such persons shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Maryland, not less than thirty years of age, shall have had not less than five years' practical experience in the coal mining industry immediately preceding his appointment, and shall be a man of integrity, known intelligence and knowledge of his occupation. Such members shall remain in office until upon like recommendation their successors or any of them are appointed and qualified. Before entering upon their duties each of the members of such Examining Board shall take and subscribe the oath provided by the Constitution. Such Examining Board shall be provided such office room, meeting space, equipment, stenographic and other assistance, supplies and facilities as may be approved by the Governor. Stenographic help and other employees of the Board shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the State Employment Commissioner. Each of such associate members shall be paid for each day of services rendered as member, a salary of six dollars, together with necessary traveling expenses, not exceeding two hundred dollars in any year for such expenses.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 37. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 36.

37. The Examining Board shall meet at such places as it may select, convenient for applicants for examination, as soon as possible after their appointment, and annually thereafter; and at need upon call of their chairman in special meetings for the purpose of preparing for or conducting examinations, not more frequently than twice in any year; provided, that such Examining Board may not sit for examination longer than four days at any meeting. At least thirty days' notice of any meeting for examination shall be given by posters placed at each mine and local postoffice in or contiguous to coal mining territory throughout the State.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 38. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 37.

38. The Examining Board shall have power to make necessary rules and regulations, copies whereof shall be published and supplied to applicants upon request.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 39. 1922, ch. 307, sec. 38.

39. Each applicant for a certificate of competency shall be required to answer in writing at least ten questions designed to discover his knowledge of mining theory, including ventilation, drainage and mining methods; and of the mining laws of Maryland; and in examinations for first-class mine foreman certificates and for fire boss certificates, as to his theoretical knowledge of noxious and explosive gases found in coal mines. Such applicant shall also be required to answer orally, if practicable during a visit to a coal mine, and in examinations for first-class mine foreman certificates and for fire boss certificates, in a gaseous coal mine, at least ten questions upon practical mine problems designed to display his perception, resourcefulness and practical judgment. The oral questions and replies thereto shall be reduced to writing and become a part of the record of such examination. The Examining Board shall grade applicants upon a basis of one hundred points credited for perfect answers, allowing equal weight for each qualification of theoretical knowledge, perception, resourcefulness and judgment; and rejecting any applicant failing to receive 70 points upon all four qualifications combined. Each applicant shall be notified the grade accorded him.