

at each mine and local postoffice in or contiguous to coal mining territory throughout the State.

SEC. 37. The Examining Board shall have power to make necessary rules and regulations, copies whereof shall be published and supplied to applicants upon request.

SEC. 38. 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.

SEC. 39. No applicant for a certificate of competency shall be admitted to an examination until he has filed upon a form to be provided by the Bureau, a sworn statement as to all matters of fact establishing his right to receive the examination, a certificate of good character and temperate habits signed by at least ten residents of the community in which he lives, and the fee prescribed for the examination to be taken, together with the following particular qualifications shown:

(a) Applicants for first-class mine foreman certificate of competency shall produce evidence satisfactory to the Examining Board that they are citizens of Maryland, at least 24 years of age; and shall furnish a verified history of their experience in mining employment, showing in detail the several mines in which they have worked, their location, the particular occupations followed therein during a period of at least five years, and particularly their knowledge of gaseous mines and the