

conduct an examination for the applicant based upon the provisions of this sub-title as soon after the request is received as is practicable and if the applicant is found qualified in the discretion of the Board, the Board shall then issue a "permit of competency." It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that the applicant for a "permit of competency" shall not be required to display the theoretical knowledge required for the holder of a first-class certificate but rather that he be qualified in the practical aspects of conditions relating to a small mine with particular emphasis on the conditions relating to the safety of the employees of such mine. The applicant shall pay an examination fee of one dollar to the Bureau of Mines for each examination taken.

(c) Applicants for fire-boss certificates of competency shall produce evidence satisfactory to the Examining Board that they are residents of Maryland, at least twenty-one years of age, and shall furnish a verified history of their experience in mining employments, showing in detail the several mines in which they have worked, their location, the particular employments followed therein during a period of at least one year, and particularly their knowledge of gaseous mines and the extent of experience therein; and shall pay an examination fee of three dollars to the State.

41. Each successful applicant shall upon paying a certificate fee of one dollar to the state be entitled to a certificate setting forth the type of certificate held, to be signed by the Examining Board or by the Director if the permit of competency is issued by him. Such certificate shall state the name, age and residence of the person certified, the position for which qualified and his experience; and upon such certificate shall be mounted a photograph of the holder to be furnished by himself across which shall be impressed the seal of the Examining Board or in the case of a permit of competency the certificate shall be signed by the Director. No certificate shall be transferable. In case of loss or destruction of a certificate the Examining Board or the Director as the case may be upon being satisfied thereof shall supply a copy of such certificate to the person losing the same, upon payment to the State of a fee of fifty cents.

43. The Examining Board or the Director as the case may be shall provide for the keeping of the applications for such certificates, the supporting evidences, and the records of the examinations as a permanent record; and shall endorse upon each such application their action thereon.