

Each applicant shall pay an examination fee of \$3 to the State.

7-304.

The Bureau may establish a place within the mining area of the State to give instruction to an applicant for "first-class mine foreman's certificate," "fire-boss certificate," "permit of competence," and other instruction required under this subtitle, or any rule and regulation made under it. The Bureau [shall] MAY conduct courses [as often as feasible] in order to qualify properly any person who makes application for the various type of certificates. [The Bureau may cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Mines to obtain necessary equipment in order to conduct the prescribed courses of instruction. It shall make possible necessary instruction relating to gassy mines in order that applicants seeking to qualify for various types of certificates may receive training within the State and not be required to go outside the State to receive the training. The program of instruction may be made in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Mines.]

7-311.

[(a) Every district mine inspector at least once every two months each year shall enter and thoroughly inspect every working place and other excavation, machine, facility, process and the outside works, ways, and plants of every coal mine in his inspection district or to which he may be assigned. He shall see that the mine laws and rules and regulations are strictly observed and carried out. He shall make additional visits to the mines to investigate any accident. The inspection or investigation may be made at any hour, however, it may not impede unnecessarily the proper working of the mine.

(b) The inspector shall prepare a report in triplicate immediately after each mine visit. The operator shall post the first copy of the report under glass for 30 days at or near the principal mouth of the mine, convenient for observation by any employee, and then preserve it for one year. The second copy shall be furnished to the Director of the Bureau. The inspector shall retain the third copy. The report shall state in detail the conditions found in every part of the mine and may include suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of conditions and better law observance. In particular, it shall bring to the attention of the operator or any other person concerned, and is notice to him of any violation of law or rule or regulation observed, at, in, or about the mine. The report shall state the number of persons employed in or about the mine and whether or not the operator has complied with the law providing workmen's compensation insurance for his employees. If the operator is self-insured, the report shall contain the number of his certificate, and if he is insured by an insurance company, the name of the insurance company.