

COAL BOARD MEDICAL

Prior to working on a coal mine, a worker must undergo a medical examination in accordance with the Coal Mine Workers Health Scheme. The examination includes an assessment of the worker's ability to perform the job in which they have been employed, and therefore cannot be completed until the worker's job is known.

Components of a coal board medical are:

- Questionnaire
- Medical Assessment
- Audiometry
- Spirometry
- Drug & Alcohol Screening
- * Chest X-ray (if being assessed for underground mining positions or employment requirements)

If a **potential employee** is choosing to conduct the Coal Board Medical on their own volition (ie. not currently employed), an interim report will be issued. This report evidences your participation and lists any restrictions found. This is provided on the basis that the specific employment position has not been determined. The interim report indicates your general fitness to work in the mining industry.

Only a Nominated Medical Advisor can complete Section 4 of the Coal Board Medical. This can only take place if you are employed - a copy of the Section 4 is supplied to Worker and Employer; and the original copy is sent to the Department of Mines and Energy.

A full copy of the Coal Board Medical will only be provided to a third party with the patients written authority, however relevant legislation requires the full Coal Board Medical be submitted to the Department of Mines and Energy.

If you are **employed** (pending a Coal Board Medical), your employer should fill out Section 1 (ie. Employer Name, position, mine name and risk assessment).

How long does a Coal Board Medical last?

- Those seeking employment - Typically between 6-12 months (this is at the discretion of the Nominated Medical Advisors and/or Mining Company)
- Employed (with a signed off Section 4) - up to a maximum of 5 years (this is at the discretion of the Nominated Medical Advisors).

Prerequisites

- Photo Identification (eg. Drivers License, Passport)
- Full Bladder
- Clothing - Shorts, shirt & sandals / shoes

Compliance

The Coal Board Medical is delivered in accordance with the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme.

Specifically, the medical will be conducted by Dr Paul Cotton AM - a Nominated Medical Advisor.

Strategic Health Services (SHS) conduct Coal Board Medicals and other Industrial and Occupational Health Services in collaboration with key industry stakeholders including (but not limited to) Mines Health Surveillance Unit, Mining Company's Occupational Health & Safety Requirements and SHS best medical practices and procedures.