

UNDERGROUND MINER

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY WHILE BEING PART OF A TEAM?

WOULD IT BE EXCITING TO HELP PRODUCE VALUABLE METALS AND MINERALS THAT MAINTAIN OUR LIFESTYLE?

Do you like controlling, maintaining and operating high tech, heavy equipment? Would it be cool to explore the inside of the earth? If you like hands on work and being an essential part of mining production, underground mining may be for you.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- The underground miner is part of a mining team that begins the process of extracting rock and mineral from the ground.
- The miner works underground using sophisticated machines and equipment to drill, blast and move rock containing the sought-after minerals and metals.
- The miner works as part of a close-knit team consisting of other miners, shifters, mine captains, mine superintendents, geologists and mining engineers to safely and efficiently move material from the mine face to the mineral processing plant (mill).

COMPENSATION

Average Annual Salary: **\$80,000**

WHY ARE PEOPLE ATTRACTED TO THIS CAREER?

- The opportunity to **work anywhere in Canada (or the world)**. (Relocation allowances are generally provided.)
- **Independent work** within a team context
- **Financial rewards** for high achievers.
- Opportunities for training and **career advancement and continuous learning**
- Opportunities to work with **new technologies**

LIFESTYLE EXPECTATIONS

[WITH SOME POSITIONS IN SOME COMPANIES]

- **READY TO WORK SHIFTS**
- **IF MINE IS IN REMOTE LOCATION:**
 - i) Time away from family for extended periods
 - ii) Live with work colleagues on a 24/7 basis for 2-3 weeks at a time, with 2-3 weeks off between work schedules.
- **MINE MAY BE IN A RURAL COMMUNITY, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, HUNTING, FISHING, HIKING AND SO FORTH**

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

SOMEONE GOING INTO THIS LINE OF WORK SHOULD:

- i) Be a team player and communicate well with others
- ii) Enjoy working with people from different cultures
- iii) Capable of working in challenging physical environments
- iv) Enjoy problem solving and able to visualize three-dimensional layouts
- v) Be able to work in dark, enclosed spaces for long periods
- vi) Be hands-on, problem-oriented, methodical and able to recognize and account for risk in managing tasks
- vii) Be comfortable operating large equipment
- viii) Be able to follow procedures (especially with hazardous materials, equipment)
- ix) Have a high level of respect for established safety procedures and regulations.
- x) Accept challenges (such as a variety of working conditions, some severe) with patience, flexibility, adaptability, and fortitude
- xi) Be adaptable to established work practice and standards
- xii) Embrace new techniques and technologies
- xiii) Be physically fit and mobile

CAREER PROGRESSION OPTIONS: UNDERGROUND MINER

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Secondary school diploma is recommended
- Technical diploma from a mining school would be asset to advance to management levels of employment
- Apprenticeship training up to 2 years may be required, as determined by the province/territory of employment.
- Specialized on-site training as needed

