

UNDERGROUND MINER

Underground Miners work in close-knit teams to perform a variety of critical extraction tasks at the front line of a mining site.

Job Description

- Work in a team to extract rocks, ore and minerals from the ground
- Use sophisticated equipment and machinery to drill, blast and move rock containing minerals and metals
- Work closely with other miners, supervisors, mine captains, mine superintendents, geologists and mining engineers to safely and efficiently move material from the mine to the mineral processing plant

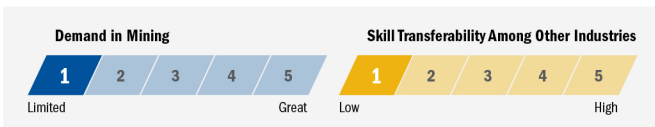
Compensation

\$28.00/hour

\$48.24/hour

(Source: Canadian Mine Salaries, Wages & Benefits: 2018 Survey Results InfoMine USA, 2018).

Job Prospects



Why are People Attracted to this Career?

Underground Miners like working both independently and within a team, using sophisticated equipment and machinery, as well as new technologies. They are also well compensated for their efforts.

What is it Like to Work as a Underground Miner in Mining?

Note: conditions vary according to employer and region.

Underground Miners spend most of their time at the mine site. They work in challenging conditions such as in confined spaces, at heights and near open holes. They must be willing and able to climb ladders and steel ramps on the surface and underground.

Success Profile

- ☒ Takes care in following procedures, especially with hazardous materials, equipment and machinery
- ☒ Operates large equipment and machinery
- ☒ Visualizes three-dimensional layouts
- ☒ Works in dark, enclosed spaces for long periods
- ☒ Embraces new techniques and technologies
- ☒ Enjoys hands-on work
- ☒ Has a deep level of understanding and respect for established safety procedures, regulations and procedures
- ☒ Patient, flexible, adaptable and
- ☒ Strong risk management skills
- ☒ Works well with others

Job Entry Requirements

Note: The requirements listed below illustrate what it takes to start the career and do not take into account on-the-job training given to new employees.

Fixed Requirements

- Physically fit and mobile
- Must be able to pass a medical test
- Must be able to pass a drug test
- Willingness to work in a diverse environment
- Proficiency in language of operation

Regional Requirement

- Apprenticeship training up to two years may be required as determined by the province/territory of employment

May be Required

- High school diploma or equivalent

Assets

- Willingness to relocate
- Other languages