



MSHA Individual Identification Number

Helping to safeguard the identities of
the Nation's miners

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What is a MIIN?

- A MIIN is an MSHA Individual Identification Number
- MIIN's will be substituted for the social security number, eliminating the need for miners to provide the SSN on documents submitted to MSHA
- Use of the MIIN will help protect against identity theft



Why does MSHA collect SSN's?

- Currently all qualifications, certifications and instructors are tracked by the SSN
- By collecting the SSN when applying for a MIIN MSHA will be able to validate that the correct qualifications and certifications are assigned to the correct individual



Who should have a MIIN?

- Anyone who has MSHA Qualifications or Certification
- Anyone applying for a MSHA Qualification or Certification
- Anyone that is updating or receiving new Qualifications or Certifications
- Part 48 Instructors
- MSHA Approved Electrical Trainers
- Part 90 Miners

When should a MIIN be requested?

- The Individual should request the MIIN BEFORE receiving training or submitting Dust Data Card's / respirable dust samples. This will enable the MIIN number to be submitted on the training form or data card when submitted to MSHA.
- The Instructor applicant should request a MIIN when submitting their resume to be considered for instructor approval.



How will the MIIN be used?

- The one MIIN will be used to substitute for the SSN
- The MIIN is only applicable to records submitted to MSHA
- One MIIN is all you need. All your records will use the same MIIN number

MIIN and Part 90 Miners

- Part 90 miners will be tracked by a MIIN
- If a miner exercises the Part 90 option and already has a MIIN, then that MIIN will be used in place of the Part 90 miner's SSN
- If a miner exercises the Part 90 option and does not have a MIIN issued, then MSHA will issue a MIIN that will be used in place of the SSN. MSHA will notify the Part 90 miner of the assigned MIIN.
- All respirable dust samples for Part 90 miners must include the Part 90 miner's assigned MIIN

How do I get a MIIN?

- MIIN's must be requested by the individual by either:
 - Filling in a MIIN Request Form and mailing or faxing it to the Q&C Office as noted on the form, or
 - Calling the Q&C Office at 1-800-579-2647, or
 - Going to MSHA's website (www.MSHA.gov) and using the Quick Links, Forms/Online Filing, to go to the MIIN registration form.



How often should a MIIN be requested?

- You only need to request a MIIN number once.



When must a MIIN be used?

- The miner/instructor will be responsible for using the MIIN whenever contacting MSHA
- When submitting requests for qualifications and certifications
- When completing and submitting dust cards required under 30 CFR Parts 70, 71, and 90
- When submitting electrical training classes.



Still have questions?

- Call the Qualification and Certification Unit at 800-579-2647 or Visit www.MSHA.gov