

# Mines and Quarries Act 1954

# **CHAPTER 70**

# MINES AND QUARRIES ACT 1954

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- 5 A person attending as a witness before the court shall...
- 6 The court shall make a report to the Minister stating...
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- 8 In the application of this Schedule to Scotland, for references...

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- 2 Every objection so made must be in writing and must...
- 3 If there are no objections which the Minister is required...
- 4 The following provisions shall have effect where the Minister does...
- 5 Where, under the last foregoing paragraph, the Minister refers the...
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- 16 There may be paid by the Minister to the person...
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- 18 Any of the following persons may appear at the inquiry...
- 19 The evidence of the witnesses at the inquiry may, if...
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- 4 The Minister shall, before the beginning of the inquiry, furnish...
- 5 The said person may appear at the inquiry either in...
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- 7 The tribunal shall, for the purposes of the inquiry, have...
- 8 A person attending as a witness before the tribunal shall...
- 9 The tribunal may make such orders as it thinks fit...
- 10 If a person— (a) without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall...

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- 12 A certificate so delivered up may be retained by the...
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The Coal Mines (Weighing of Minerals) Act, 19055 Edw. 7. c. 9

The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 19088 Edw. 7. c. 57

The Education Act, 19188 & 9 Geo. 5. c. 39

The Education (Scotland) Act, 19188 & 9 Geo. 5. c. 48

The Mining Industry Act, 192010 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 50

The Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act, 192010 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 65

The Mining Industry Act, 192616 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 28

The Petroleum (Production) Act, 193424 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 36

The Hours of Employment (Conventions) Act, 193626 Geo. 5. & 1 Edw. 8. c. 22

The Young Persons (Employment) Act, 19381 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 69

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