



# Mines and Quarries Act 1954

1954 CHAPTER 70 2 and 3 Eliz.2

## PART III

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE (MINES)

*[<sup>F1</sup> Roads*

### Textual Amendments

**F1** Ss. 22–25, 33–35 repealed (1.4.1989, in part, and 1.4.1994, fully) by S.I. 1988/1729, regs. 1(1), 12(1) (a)

### 34 General provisions with respect to construction and maintenance of roads.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the manager of every mine to take, with respect to every length of road therein, being a length in which vehicles or conveyors run or which is used at the beginning or end of a shift by not less than ten persons for the purpose of walking to or from their working places in the mine, such steps as may be necessary to secure that the following provisions are complied with, namely,—
- (a) every such length of road made after the commencement of this Act shall be so made and maintained as to avoid sudden changes of direction, height, width and gradient save in so far as either—
    - (i) the system of working the mine or the natural conditions of the strata therein render it inadvisable for reasons of safety to do so; or
    - (ii) it is unnecessary to do so;
  - (b) every such length of road (whether made before or after the commencement of this Act) shall be kept free from obstructions and the floor thereof shall be kept in good repair and in such a condition that any persons or animals who use that length of road can tread it with safety and reasonable convenience.

(2) ..... <sup>F2</sup>

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mines and Quarries Act 1954, Cross Heading: Roads. (See end of Document for details)*

(3) References in this section to changes of gradient shall be construed as including references to deviations (whether upwards or downwards) from the horizontal.]

**Textual Amendments**  
F2 Ss. 34(2), 35(2)—(4) repealed by S.I. 1975/1102, Sch. 1

**[<sup>F3</sup>35 Height and width of travelling roads.**

(1) Every length of road in a mine which is used at the beginning or end of a shift by not less than ten persons for the purpose of walking to or from their working places in the mine, being a length made after the commencement of this Act, shall be not less than [<sup>F4</sup>1.7 metres] high throughout:

Provided that—

- (a) .....<sup>F5</sup>
- (b) an inspector may, by notice served on the manager of a particular mine, exempt from those provisions any such length of road as aforesaid in that mine or any part of any such length of road.

(2) .....<sup>F6</sup>]

**Textual Amendments**  
F3 Ss. 22–25, 33–35 repealed (1.4.1989, in part, and 1.4.1994, fully) by S.I. 1988/1729, regs. 1(1), 12(1)  
(a)  
F4 Words substituted by S.I. 1976/2063, reg. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. II except as to shafts sunk, or as the case may be, lengths of road made before 1.2.1977  
F5 S. 35(1)(a) repealed by S.I. 1974/2013, Sch. 1 Pt. I  
F6 Ss. 34(2), 35(2)—(4) repealed by S.I. 1975/1102, Sch. 1

**<sup>F7</sup>36 Prohibition of use of vehicles and conveyors in roads not affording free movement.**

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**Textual Amendments**  
F7 S. 36 repealed (6.4.2015) by The Mines Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/3248), reg. 1(2), Sch. 3 Pt. 1 (with reg. 1(3))

**<sup>F8</sup>37 Transport rules.**

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**Textual Amendments**  
F8 S. 37 repealed (6.4.2015) by The Mines Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/3248), reg. 1(2), Sch. 3 Pt. 1 (with reg. 1(3))

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**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Ss. 38, 45(2), 47 repealed by S.I. 1974/2013, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**

<sup>F10</sup>**39** **Provisions for securing safety of foot-passengers in transport roads.**  
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**Textual Amendments**

**F10** Ss. 39-46 repealed (6.4.2015) by **The Mines Regulations 2014** (S.I. 2014/3248), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1** (with reg. 1(3))

<sup>F10</sup>**40** **Provision of refuge holes.**  
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<sup>F10</sup>**41** **Safety measures relating to use of vehicles.**  
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