

Classification & Grading of Day Wage Men in 1952

Up to 1952, each area (and sometimes individual mines) had their own names for the many occupations in coal mining. In an attempt to standardise things, an agreement was reached between the NCB and NUM to standardise the names of the occupations in the coal mining industry. It was proposed that there should be four grades below ground and four grades on the surface, the categories included in each grade to be as listed hereunder.

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Local Name</u>
<u>UNDERGROUND</u>		
GRADE A		
Supervisory Chargeman	1	Supervisory conveyor chargeman and belt supervisor
Charge Collier	2	Face Corporal
	3	Charge Collier
	4	Charge Getter
	5	Face Chargeman
	6	Stripper Chargeman
	7	Conveyor Chargeman
	8	Leading Hand on Conveyor Face
	9	Chargehand on Conveyor Face
	10	Chargeman
	Charge Contractor	11
12		Group Leader
Collier	14	Collier
	15	Hewer
	16	Getter
	17	Stripper
	18	Stallman
	19	Composite Worker
	20	Pickman
	21	Pikeman
	22	Coal Heading Man
	23	Coal Header
	24	Winning Loader Faceman
	25	Coal Filler
	26	Filler
	31	Stentman
196	Coal Face Odd Job Man	
Face Developer	125	Face Development
	141	Face Developer
	133	Bargainman
Fault Worker	142	Fault Worker
Coal Cutter Chargeman	89	Coal Cutter Chargeman
	90	Coal Cutter Foreman
	91	Charge
	92	Coal Cutter Machine Chargeman
	93	Master Cutterman
	94	Cutter Driver
	95	Cutter Operator
Coal Cutterman	96	Coal Cutterman
	97	Coal Cutter
	98	Coal Cutter Machineman

	99	First or Leading Machineman
	104	Coal Cutter Chainman
	106	Coal Cutter Setter
	107	Coal Cutter Flitter
Face Attendant	120	Conveyor Driver
	121	Face Unit Driver
Power Loader Chargeman	167	Joy Loader Chargehand
	166	Mechanical Loaderman
Power Loader Operator	164	Power Loader Attendant
	229	Power Loader Operator
	168	Joy Loader Operator
	186	Joy Loader Attendant
	169	Loading Machine Turner
	165	Mechanical Shovel Operator
Shuttle Car Driver	303	Shuttle Car Driver
Shuttle Car Attendant	301	Shuttle Car Attendant
Shuttle Car Battery Attendant	302	Shuttle Car Battery Attendant
Charge Ripper	38	Charge Ripper
Charge Packer	68	Charge Packer
Conveyor Mover	108	Flitter
	115	Turnover Man
	109	Bumpers
	110	Conveyor Puller-up
	111	Conveyor Cableman
	112	Conveyor Mover
	113	Erector
	114	Conveyor Erector
	116	Beltman
	117	Pan Turner
	118	Conveyor Shifter
	119	Turner-over
Ripper	39	Ripper
	41	Bottom Cutter
	43	Brusher
	46	Stoneman
	47	Caunchman
	48	Boxholer
	49	Scourer
	45	Buttockman
	52	Repairer
	53	Fettler
	54	Redresser
	55	Back Lipman
	61	Steel Arch Erector
	60	Steel Erector
Supports Erector	56	Timberer
	57	Timberer on Longwall Face
	58	Timberman
	59	Propper
Packers and Chockers	69	Packer
	70	Chocker
	71	Chockman

	72	Cogger
	73	Pillarman
	74	Cog Cutter
	75	Prop Cutter
Hole Borer	153	Driller
	155	Hole Borer
	156	Waste Borer
	154	Borer
Shotfirer and Cardox Man	328	Shotfirer
	332	Blower
	330	Burster
	331	Bursterman
Airway Repairer	52	Repairer
	53	Fettler
Steel and Timber Withdrawers	64	Steel Recoverer
	51	Waste Drawer
	62	Steel Withdrawer
	63	Prop Withdrawer
	65	Timber Withdrawer
	67	Salvage Man
	279	Drawer-off
	163	Drawer
Salvage Man	66	Dismantler
	67	Salvage Man
Sinker	126	Sinker
Hard Ground Man	127	Hard Ground Man
	128	Hard Heading Man
	139	Crutter
	129	Rock Header
	130	Brancher
	131	Header
	134	Tunneller
	135	Stoneman
	136	Stone Drifter
	137	Stone Header
	138	Stone Miner
	140	Rock Contractman
	132	Developer
Ambulance Man	233	First-aid Attendant
	234	Ambulance Attendant
	235	Ambulance Man
Winder	304	Winder in Sinking
	305	Winding Engineman
GRADE B		
Collier's Assistant	30	Loaderman
	29	Loader
	36	Collier's Assistant
	37	Collier's Helper
Conveyor Loader	28	Conveyor Loader
	32	Plough Attendant
	33	Tension-end Man
	34	Barrel-end Man
	35	Dumper

Ripper's Assistant	189	Ripper's Assistant
	40	Back Ripper
	42	Back Stripper
	44	Back Brusher
	190	Ripper's Mate
Gummer	76	Gummer
	77	Scuffler
	78	Cleaner Out
	79	Jibber
	80	Scuffer
	81	Duffer Out
Trackman	82	Preparer
	83	Trackman
	84	Nobber
	85	Flagger
	86	Cleaner
	87	Cleaner Up
	88	Tracker
	101	Coal Cutter Back
	102	Spragger
	103	Coal Cutter's Assistant
Face Switch Attendant	122	Switch Lad
	123	Face Switch Attendant
Beltman	87	Cleaner Up
	116	Beltman
	214	Dirt Picker
	215	Spillage Man
	216	Conveyor Belt Cleaner
Supplies Transporter	157	Supplies Transporter
	158	Timber Carrier
	162	Wood Boy
	159	Steel Arch Transporter
	160	Timber Transporter
Trammer	161	Trammer
	163	Drawer
Water Infusion Man	173	Water Infusion Man
	175	Water Sprayman
Bratticeman	184	Bratticeman
	185	Sheetman
Gob and Waste Labourer	211	Gob and Waste Labourman
Shotfirer's Assistant	191	Shotfirer's Assistant
	192	Stemming Man
	194	Ramming Man
	232	Cardox Man
	227	Explosives Man
	228	Powderman
	193	Stemmer
Conveyor Belt Repairer	417	Conveyor Belt Repairer
Main Pumpsman	178	Main Pumpsman
Main Fanman	242	Main Fanman

Trainee	202	Trainee
Traffic Chargeman	246	Corporal
	247	Road Corporal
	249	Road Doggie
	250	Doggie
	248	Traffic Manager
	253	Traffic Foreman
	254	Traffic Chargeman
	251	Bondminer
	252	Main Roadman
	255	Master Haulier
	256	Cleek Hunter
	257	Getter-out
Repairer's Assistant	187	Timberman's Assistant
	188	Repairer's Assistant
Slusher Operator	105	Slusher Operator
Roadman	143	Roadman
	144	Roadman Trackwork
	145	Platelayers
	146	Road Layers
	147	Railmen
	148	Rail Layer
	149	Repairer Trackwork
	150	Rolleywayman
	151	Rollerman
	152	Sheavesman
Waterman	172	Waterman
Watercourse Man	182	Watercourse Man
	183	Water Level Repairer
Main Haulageman	273	Gang Rider
	274	Set Rider
	275	Rider
	276	Paddy Mail Man
	289	Pony Trainer
	260	Hitcher
Onsetter	277	Onsetter
Diesel Loco Driver	298	Loco Driver
	299	Loco Engineman
Main Haulage Engineman	307	Main Haulage Engineman
	308	Main Haulage Motorman
Rope Splicer	404	Ropeman
	363	Ropeman Grade I
	400	Foreman Splicer
	401	Rope Splicer
	402	Pulleyman
	403	Rope Smith
Steel Straightener	423	Prop Straightener
	421	Bar Straightener
	422	Steel Bar Straightener
	367	Steel Bar Straightener Grade I
	425	Steel Arch Straightener

426 Girder Straightener
421 Steel Prop Straightener
385 Steel Bar Straightener Grade II

GRADE C

Pipe Shifter	408	Pipe Shifter
Fan or Compressor Attendant	237	Compressor Attendant
	243	Fan Engineman
	244	Fan Attendant
	245	Ventilating Man
	238	Compressor Man
	239	Compressor Engineman
	240	Air Compressor Man
	241	Fanman
Farrier	361	Farrier Grade I
Pumpsman	179	Pump Attendant
	180	Pumpsman
	181	Pumper
Telephone Operator	205	Telephone Attendant
	206	Telephone Man
	207	Telephone Operator
Sumpman	226	Sumper
Subsidiary Haulageman	258	Rope Changer
	261	Hitcher's Assistant
	262	Jig Hitcher
	264	Coupler Man
	265	Lyeman
	266	Coupler
	267	Clipper
	272	Gripper
	271	Offtakes Lad
	263	Bencher
	259	Shackler
	269	Rope Runner
	268	Lasher On
	270	Hooker On
	163	Drawer
	285	Brakesman
	286	Spragman
	286	Spragger
	287	Snibbler
	288	Haulage Hand
	290	Horse Driver
	291	Haulier
	292	Pony Driver
	293	Pony Putter
	294	Ganger
	320	Bogieman
	317	Caussieman
	318	Incline Runner
319	Chain Runner	
321	Hand Putter	
284	Runner	
Onsetter's Assistant	278	Pit Bottomer
	279	Drawer Off
	280	Pusher On
	281	Waiter On

	282	Slummer
	283	Onsetter's Assistant
Loco Guard	300	Loco Guard
Subsidiary Haulage Engineman	124	Engine Minder
	309	Haulage Engineman
	310	Haulage Motorman
	311	Haulier (Engine Driver)
	312	Putter Driver
	313	Motorman
	314	Subsidiary Haulage Engineman
	316	Haulage Engine Driver
	315	Paddy Mail Driver

GRADE D

General Labourers	210	Labourer
	217	Whitewasher
	219	Greaser
	220	Oiler
	221	Pulley Oiler
	222	Doorkeeper
	223	Door Attendant
	224	Door Trapper
	225	Door Boy
	209	Dataller
	213	Bye Worker
	218	Helper-up
	231	Cardox Transporter
	195	Dirt Emptier
Stone Duster	170	Stone Duster
	171	Stone Dustman
Lamp Lighter	203	Lamp Lighter
	204	Lamp Locker
Horsekeeper	295	Farrier
	296	Horsekeeper
	297	Ostler

SURFACE

GRADE A+

Winding Engineman	444	Winding Engineman
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GRADE A

Slant Winding Engineman	446	Main Slant Engineman
	447	Slant Engineman
	448	Surface Haulageman
Surface Haulage Engineman	449	Hauling Engineman
	450	Haulage Engineman
	451	Dirt Hill Engineman
	452	Tip Engineman
	453	Rubbish Tip Engineman
Banksman in Charge	460	Chargehand Banksman
Roadman	555	Roadman
Platelayar	556	Platelayar (other than Railway Lines)
	558	Leading Platelayar
	557	Platelayar

Loco Driver	559	Linesman on Railway Tracks
	561	Loco Driver
	562	Locoman
Ambulance Man	591	Head Ambulance Man
	590	First Aid Attendant
	592	Ambulance Room Attendant
	593	Ambulance Man
	594	Male Nurse
595	Nurse	
Crane Driver	620	Crane Driver
	621	Overhead Crane Driver
Excavator Driver	624	Excavator Driver
Bull Dozer Driver	625	Bull Dozer Driver
	626	Bull Dozer Man
Tractor Driver	627	Tractor Driver
Steam Roller Driver	629	Steam Roller Driver
Head Lampman	951	Lamphouse Superintendent
	952	Lamproom Foreman
	953	Head Lampman
GRADE B		
Screens Engineman	454	Screens Engineman
	458	Screen Engineman or Motorman
	455	Washery Engineman
	456	Dry Cleaner Engineman
	457	Drying Plant Engineman
	459	Pyrites Plant Engineman
Banksman	462	Banksman
	463	Pit Top Man in Charge of Signals
	464	Lander
	465	Assistant Banksman
Tippler Man (in the open)	479	Tippler Attendant
	480	Tipplerman
	481	Wagon Tippler Man
	482	Railway Wagon Emptier at Washery
	483	Hoistman
	484	Hoist Attendant
Washery Attendant	498	Washing Attendant
	499	Washeryman
	500	Washery Well Cleaner
	501	Washery Pumpsman
Dry Cleaner Attendant	502	Dry Cleaning Plant Operator
Coal Preparation Plant Man	503	Coal Preparation Clutch Attendant
	526	Coal Preparation Plant Man
	504	Coal Cleaner
Brakesman	506	Wagon Lowerer
	507	Railway Wagon Mover
	508	Railway Wagon Mover and Loader
	509	Wagon Loading Attendant
	510	Wagon Runner (at screens, washery, etc.)
	511	Wagon Setman

	512	Brakesman
	569	Loco Guard
	570	Loco Shunter
	572	Loco Brakesman
	571	Shunter
	573	Wagon Battery Attendant
Loco Fireman	563	Loco Fireman
	564	Loco Boilerman
Surface Pumpsman	574	Pumpsman
	577	Pump Attendant
	578	Pumper
	579	Pumping Station Caretaker
	580	Marsh Pumpsman
	575	Shaft Pumpsman
	1054	Turbo Attendant
	1055	Turbine Pumps
	1056	Turbine Pumpsman
Explosives Stores Attendant	609	Explosives Stores Attendant
	610	Powder House Attendant
	611	Magazine Attendant
Cardox Plant Attendant	614	Cardox Plant Attendant
	615	Cardox Man
Dumper Driver	619	Dumper Driver
Crab Driver	622	Crab Driver
Assistant Tractor Driver	628	Tractor Rope Runner
Aerial Ropeman	735	Aerial Ropeway Attendant
	736	Aerial Ropeway Hand
	737	Aerial Ropeman
	738	Aerial Flight Engineman
Ambulance Driver	921	Ambulance Driver
Lampman in charge on shifts	951	Lamphouse Superintendent
	952	Lamproom Foreman
	953	Head Lampman
Water Softener Plant Attend't	1035	Water Softener Plant Attendant
	1036	Boiler Softener Attendant
	1037	Water Softener Attendant
	1038	Water Softener
Compressor Man	1050	Air Compressor Engineman
	1052	Air Compressor Man
	1053	Blast Engineman
	1051	Compressor Attendant
Power House Attendant	1058	Power House Superintendent
	1059	Power House Engineer
	1060	Power House Shift Engineer
	1061	Power House Engineman
	1062	Power House Attendant
	1063	Power Station Attendant
	1064	Electric Generating Engineman
	1065	Generating Man
Fanman	1069	Main Fanman Charge

	1070	Fan Engineman
	1071	Fanman
Timekeeper	1073	Timekeeper
	1074	Surface Timekeeper
	1075	Shaft Timekeeper
Wagon Weigher	1079	Wagon Weigher
	1080	Railway Wagon Weighman
	1081	Truck Weighman
	1083	Wagon Ticketer
	1084	Wagon Number Taker
	1094	Yard Weighman
Tram Weigher	1089	Master Weighman
	1092	Weighman or Weigher
	1090	Tram Weighman
	1091	Pitbank Weighman
Storekeeper	1085	Storekeeper
	1086	Storeman
	1087	Goods Checker
	1088	Stores Issuer
Granary Attendant	581	Granary Man
	616	Granary (female)
Boiler Stoker	1043	Boiler Fireman
	1044	Boiler Stoker
	1045	Boiler Minder
	1046	Boiler Attendant
GRADE C		
Assistant Banksman	466	Pusher On
	467	Puller Off
	468	Taker Off
Bank Trammer	469	Pit Top Man
	470	Surface Drift Attendant
	471	Shackler General
	472	Shackler on Pit Top
	473	Bank Trammer
	474	Pithead Runner
	475	Weigher up to machines
	476	Veerer
	477	Gangway Man
	478	Creeper Attendant
Coal Crusher Attendant	485	Coal Crusher Attendant
	486	Crusherman
Air Cleaning Plant Attendant	487	Air Cleaning Plant Attendant
Screen Hand	488	Screenman
	489	Screener
	490	Picker
	491	Belt Hand
	492	Screen Belt Dirtman
	493	Stone Gangway Man
	494	Coal Thrower
	495	Coal Stower
	496	Jib-end Man
	497	Boon Man
	617	Female Picker

	618	Female Screener
Wagon Trimmer	513	Coal Trimmer on Wagons
Railway Pointsman	560	Railway Pointsman
Loco Cleaner	566	Loco Lighter Up
	565	Loco Shedman
	567	Loco Washer Out
	568	Loco Cleaner
Horsekeeper	582	Ostler
	583	Horsekeeper
Horse Driver	584	Horse Driver
	585	Pony Driver
	586	Haulier
	587	Putter
	588	Cartman
	589	Carter
Labourer	631	General Labourer
	632	Browman
	633	Timber Yard Labourer
	636	Timber Filler
	634	Wood Yard Labourer
	637	Timber Filler and Unloader
	635	Timberman
	638	Timber and Steel Filler
	639	Yard Sweeper
	640	Lorry Driver's Mate
	641	Lorry Driver's Labourer
	642	Lorry Loader
	643	Foreign Coal Teemer
	644	Loader of Slurry into wagons
	645	Filterbed Man
	646	Coal Stacker
	647	Coal Loader (unloading and loading coals from and to wagons)
	648	Clay Emptier
	649	Workshop Labourer
	650	Mechanic's Labourer
	651	Fitter's Labourer
	652	Pick Carrier
	653	Wagon Cleaner
	654	Tram Cleaner
	655	Tub Cleaner
	656	Hutch Cleaner
	657	Scrap Yard Man
	658	Salvage Man
	659	Scrap Loader
	660	Platelayers Assistant
	661	Platelayers Labourer
	662	Carpenters Assistant
	663	Joiners Assistant
	664	Bricklayers Assistant
	665	Bricklayers Labourer
	666	Bricklayers Mate
	667	Masons Labourer
	668	Sawyers Labourer
	671	Greaser
	676	Tram Oiler
	679	Tub Oiler
	677	Tram Greaser
	678	Tub Greaser

680	Wagon Greaser
673	Engine Cleaner
674	Winding Engine Cleaner
675	Engine Cleaner (Winder)
681	Telephone Man
682	Tokenman
683	Motty Boy
684	Caller
685	Searcher
686	Cycle Attendant
687	Cycle Stores Attendant
704	Gear Keeper
706	Watchman
707	Storekeeper's Assistant
708	Storekeeper's Labourer
709	Brick Crusher
715	Boiler Coal Man
717	Boiler Fuel Emptier
716	Boiler Coal Conveyor Attendant
718	Boiler Slack Conveyorman
720	Redler Conveyor Attendant
719	Boiler Slack Engineman
721	Slack Wheeler
722	Boiler Ashman
723	Ash Wheeler
724	Pulverised Fuel Mill Attendant
725	Pulverised Plant Attendant
726	Dirt Tipper
727	Dirt Disposal Man
728	Dirt Banksman
729	Dirt Hill Man
730	Dirt Emptier
731	Rubbish Tipper
732	Stone Tipper
733	Batchman
734	Pit Heap Man
739	Dirt Aerial Motorman
745	Drainer
746	Drainman
1121	Water Course Man

Lampman

957	Lamp Repairer
958	Lamp Cleaner
962	Lamp Repairer Grade I
963	Lamp Cleaner Grade I
959	Lampman

Assistant Timekeeper

1076	Timekeeper's Assistant
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