fifty-six, the operation of the Act of 1908 in relation to mines of coal is suspended so far as concerns the application of sections one and three thereof to workmen being below ground for the purpose of their work and of going to and from their work on any Friday after two o'clock in the afternoon and on any Saturday before two o'clock in the afternoon.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1955.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, as amended by subsequent enactments, limits the time during which the main categories of workmen in mines may be below ground for the purpose of their work, and of going to and from their work, to 7½ hours during any period of 24 hours. The corresponding time for certain other categories is 8½ hours.

This Order suspends the operation of the relevant sections of the Act, in so far as it applies to coal mines, on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings for the period from the expiry of the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) (No. 2) Order, 1954, to 30th April, 1956.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1955 No. 972

The Coal Mines (Training) (Amendment) General Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	1*st July*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	8*th July*, 1955
Coming into Operation	16*th July*, 1955

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section eighty-six of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(**a**), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby orders that the following regulations shall have effect:—

1. The Coal Mines (Training) General Regulations, 1945(**b**), shall have effect subject to the following amendments.

2.—(1) In paragraph (*a*) of regulation two (which relates to training for employment below ground) the words "about a coal mine on work above ground" shall be deleted.

(2) In paragraph (*c*) of regulation two for the words "a training officer appointed under these Regulations" there shall be substituted the words "a training officer for that coal mine or, where such training has not been received at that mine, a person whose appointment for that purpose has been notified to the inspector of the division and who has supervised the giving of the whole or part of that training".

(**a**) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1945/1217 (Rev. IV, p. 411: 1945 I, p. 114).

3.—(1) In paragraph (i) of regulation three (which relates to training for employment below ground) for the words " suitable physical training " there shall be substituted the words " in the case of the training of a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years when he begins it, shall be ".

(2) In paragraph (iii) of regulation three there shall be inserted at the beginning the words—

" (*a*) in the case of a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years when he begins such training "

and at the end the words—

" or (*b*) in the case of a person who has attained the age of eighteen years when he begins such training, at least a number of hours determined by the Minister, not being less in the aggregate than one hundred and twelve hours, shall be spent in such types of training as may be so determined, and in reckoning such hours as aforesaid there shall be excluded the times properly and reasonably spent (whether above or below ground) at meals and in travelling ; ".

4.—(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation four (which relates to training for employment at the coal face)—

(*a*) for the words "training face " where they first occur there shall be substituted the words " coal production face set aside for training purposes or, in the case of a mine in which the working is wholly or partly by the method known as longwall, at a part of a coal production face for the time being set aside for training purposes " ;

(*b*) for the words " a training face " where they secondly occur there shall be substituted the words " such a face or part of a face as aforesaid " ;

(*c*) for the words " training officer appointed under these Regulations " there shall be substituted the words " training officer for that coal mine " ;

(*d*) for the words from " in the case of " to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words " in relation to a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years when he begins such training and who receives it at a part of a coal production face set aside for training purposes the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall have effect as if for the words ' eighty ', ' sixty ' and ' twenty ' there were substituted respectively the words ' one hundred and ten ', ' ninety ' and ' thirty '."

(2) After paragraph (1) of regulation four there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

" (1A) The manager of a mine shall determine in writing any coal production face the whole or part of which is to be used at the mine for training purposes and shall send notice in writing to the inspector of the division of the commencement or termination, as the case may be, of the use of any such face for those purposes within seven days thereof. No face shall be used for such purposes if an inspector by notice in writing served on the manager objects thereto.

(1B) The manager of a mine shall not permit more than two coal production faces to be used partly for training purposes in pursuance of this Regulation at any one time and shall ensure that not more than twenty-four persons receive training thereat during any period of twenty-four hours and that not more than six persons are under training at any one of them at any one time.

(1C) The manager of a mine shall ensure that—

(*a*) not more than one person receiving training under this Regulation is supervised by any one instructor or supervising workman at any

one time unless, in relation to an instructor, an inspector by notice in writing so permits ;

(*b*) no work is performed at a coal production face wholly used for training purposes or at a part of a face so used when training is in progress except by a person under training, an instructor, a supervising workman, an official of the mine or any other person duly authorised to do so by the manager or by an official of the mine nominated for the purpose by the manager.

(1D) In any case in which a quantity of work is assigned to be done in any period of employment by a supervising workman and the person whom he is supervising, the manager of the mine shall ensure that that quantity is not more than they can reasonably do having regard to that person's experience and the attention necessary for his training.

(1E) No wages of any person employed at a coal production face wholly used for training purposes or at a part of a face so used when training is in progress thereat shall depend directly on the amount of mineral gotten or the quantity of work done ; so however that the wages of a supervising workman employed at a part of a coal production face for the time being used for training purposes may be determined by division of a payment in respect of the total amount of mineral gotten from that and the other parts of that face between persons employed at the other parts and the supervising workman if it is customary for the wages of persons employed at that face to be so determined."

5. At the end of paragraph (1) of regulation five (which relates to supervision of persons working below ground) there shall be inserted the words—

" Provided that a person may be employed at the coal face on such an operation without such supervision if the manager of the mine after consultation with the training officer for that mine has certified that that person may properly be so employed by reason of his general ability and his working experience below ground including in particular the period during which he has been employed on that operation under such close personal supervision."

6. After regulation five there shall be inserted the following regulation—

" 5A. No person for the time being under training in pursuance of the foregoing Regulations shall be at any place on a coal face unless he is accompanied by the instructor or supervising workman under whose supervision he is being trained :

Provided that nothing in this Regulation shall prevent a person who is receiving training for work on the haulage or on a conveyor-loader in handling or filling tubs or as a conveyor-engine attendant being at a roadhead for the purposes of that work."

7. In regulation six (which contains exceptions from the requirements of regulations two, four and five) for " Regulation 2 " there shall be substituted " Regulations 2 or 5A ", for the word " specified " there shall be substituted the word " assigned ", and the words " in the relevant scheme approved by the Minister in pursuance of Regulation 10 of these Regulations " shall be deleted.

8.—(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation ten (which relates to training schemes) for the words from the beginning to " any part thereof " there shall be substituted the words " Before any person who has not attained the age of eighteen years receives any training described in Regulation 3 ", and for the words " mine in or about " there shall be substituted the words " place at ".

(2) In paragraph (2) of regulation ten the word "and" where it last occurs and sub-paragraph (iv) shall be deleted.

9. In paragraph (2) of regulation thirteen (which relates to the keeping of records) the words from "in a case" to "the undertaking" shall be deleted.

10.—(1) For paragraphs (1) to (4) of regulation fourteen (which relates to the appointment of training officers) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"(1) For every mine there shall be appointed by the manager in writing a training officer or such number of training officers as may be required to superintend the training given in pursuance of the preceding Regulations and the manager shall forthwith give notice in writing of each such appointment to the inspector of the division.

(2) A training officer for a mine at which more than one thousand persons are employed, or where there is more than one training officer at least one of them, shall devote his full time to his duties as training officer for that mine.

(3) The manager of a mine at which the number of persons employed is not more than one thousand shall not assign to a training officer any other duties which would prejudice the thorough performance of his duties as training officer for that mine."

(2) In paragraph (5) of regulation fourteen for the word "undertaking" there shall be substituted the word "mine".

(3) In paragraph (6) of regulation fourteen for the words "coal mines" there shall be substituted the words "the mine" and the words "mines or undertaking" wherever they occur shall be deleted.

11.—(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation fifteen (which relates to the duties of training officers) for the words "on the premises of the undertaking or at the mine or mines for which he has been appointed" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "at the mine".

(2) In paragraph (2) of regulation fifteen the words from "in a case" to "the undertaking" shall be deleted.

12. In paragraph (1) of regulation seventeen (which relates to interpretation)—

(*a*) in the definition of "Work at the coal face" for the words "in any part of the area comprised within the face and the sides of a road as if the sides were extended to the face" there shall be substituted the words "at a roadhead" and for the words "training face" there shall be substituted the words "coal production face or part of such a face for the time being set aside for training purposes" and

(*b*) the definition of "Training face" shall be deleted.

13. These regulations shall come into operation on the fifteenth day after the date hereof, and may be cited as the Coal Mines (Training) (Amendment) General Regulations, 1955.

Dated this 1st day of July nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

John Maud,
Secretary to the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the Coal Mines (Training) General Regulations, 1945, and provide for the relaxation of certain of the provisions of those regulations which has hitherto been effected by exemptions granted by the Minister of Fuel and Power. They also provide for a number of other matters not previously dealt with by exemptions.

Provision is made for the issue of certificates by persons other than training officers where the preliminary training referred to in regs. 2 and 3 of the 1945 regulations is received at group training centres (reg. 2).

The provisions of reg. 3 of the 1945 regulations requiring the Minister's approval of schemes for preliminary training and determining the period of such training, which have previously been modified under exemptions in respect of adults, are similarly modified by these regulations (reg. 3).

Provision is made for coal face training at part production faces. The number of part production faces in a mine is reduced from that permitted under exemptions while the number of persons under training to be allowed at each face is increased (reg. 4).

The requirement contained in the 1945 regulations of 40 days close personal supervision by an instructor or supervising workman of persons employed at the coal face is relaxed in circumstances previously provided for under exemptions (reg. 5).

Subject to certain exceptions, persons under training are not now to be at the face unless accompanied by their instructors or supervising workmen (reg. 6).

New provisions are substituted for provisions in reg. 14 of the 1945 regulations dealing with the appointment of training officers (reg. 10).

NATIONALISATION

1955 No. 281

The Coal Industry (Superannuation Scheme) (Winding Up, No. 8) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	18*th February*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	23*rd February*, 1955
Coming into Operation	15*th March*, 1955

The Minister of Fuel and Power in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section thirty-seven of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946(**a**), as amended by the Coal Industry Act, 1949(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Application

1. These regulations shall apply to each of the superannuation schemes specified in the schedule to these regulations, being schemes or other arrangements for the provision of pensions, gratuities or other like benefits in favour of—

(*a*) persons to whom subsection (2) of section thirty-seven of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, as amended by section four of the Coal Industry Act, 1949, applies; or

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 59. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 53.