



OTPR 710

Piloting Trains and Track Vehicles

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Introduction

Where required, *Pilots* accompany *Drivers and track vehicle operators* to direct *rail traffic* movements.



Drivers and track vehicle operators are responsible for the safe operation of *piloted trains and track vehicles*.

General

Pilot

1. Confirm where and when to meet the vehicle you are to pilot.
2. Confirm your knowledge of the *route*.
3. Establish and maintain *effective communication* with the *Train Controller*.
4. Tell Drivers and track vehicle operators about operating restrictions and conditions in a timely manner.
5. Give clear directions.

Work on track authorities

Pilot

1. Establish and maintain effective communication with the Train Controller and the *Possession Protection Officer* or the *Protection Officer*.
2. Confirm how entry into and exit from *work on track authority* areas will be *authorised*.
3. Get authority to enter a work on track authority area from the Possession Protection Officer, Protection Officer or Train Controller.
4. Confirm with the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer:
 - the route to be taken, and
 - the *locations* of all worksites, and
 - the contact details of Protection Officers within the work on track authorities.



5. Make sure that *points* and *crossovers* are set and *secured* correctly before *travelling* over them.
6. Tell the Driver or track vehicle operator about the locations of worksites.
7. If there is no Handsignaller at detonator protection:
 - get the Possession Protection Officer's or Protection Officer's authority to remove the protection, and
 - remove, or arrange to remove, the protection before passing the location, and
 - replace, or arrange to replace, the protection after passing the location.
8. Tell the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer when detonator protection has been replaced.
9. Tell the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer when you have entered a work on track authority area.
10. Within work on track authority areas, act under the direction of the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer.
11. Before making any movements within a work on track authority contact the Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer and get:
 - authority for the movement, and
 - assurance that the intended route is clear and that no conflicting movements have been, or will be, authorised.
12. Get the Train Controller's authority to exit a work on track authority area.
13. Tell the Train Controller and Possession Protection Officer or Protection Officer when you exited the work on track authority.
14. Record, in *permanent form*, relevant details, including the details of entries into and exits from worksites and work on track authorities.

Related OTHR Network Procedures

OTPR 709 Using detonators

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