

TRACK FORCE PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR RECERTIFICATION

From the 22 Jul 2015 recertification classes commenced for those personnel possessing a Level 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 Track Force Protection Co-ordinator (TFPC) competency.

On the 21 Aug 2015 Safety Bulletin HSEQ-BUL-18-2015 was issued, authorising an extension to the training program through to the 05 Feb 2016. This extension was necessary to allow TFPCs to gain the evidence to support their retraining.

Over the past few months, various factors have led to the circumstance whereby, at this point in time, a number of TFPCs have yet to be fully certified in their rail safety competency. Consequently, these TFPCs are unable to meet the 05 Feb 2016 deadline for recertification.

The following is to be applied for those who have not been fully certified by 5th February 2016. This is to support TFPC's continuing to work towards gaining their competency, without fully restricting their assigned work duties.

1. TFPC who have not yet completed full training or recertification training by the 05 Feb 2016

TFPCs who are in this category will have their competency restricted to Level 1 – Train Track Safety Awareness. This will allow continued general track access as necessary, but an inability to perform safeworking related duties until training is completed.

2. TFPC's who have completed theory training with metro academy

An extension to the 30th April 2016 will be available for these TFPCs to complete all components of the in-field log book assessment.

3. TFPC's who have completed theory training with cert during the full training course

An extension to the 30th April 2016 will be available for these TFPCs to complete all components of the in-field log book assessment.

4. TFPCs who have attended the cert recertification training course

CERT has provided Metro with a listing of all TFPCs who have attended their recertification training course. CERT is currently in the process of obtaining completed Rail Safety Worksite Hazard Assessments (RSWHA) from those TFPCs who successfully passed their theory assessment.

- **Six** of the completed RSWHAs shall be relevant to work sites established within the Inner Suburban Area (ie: Metrol Controlled Area), and
- The remaining **Six** completed RSWHAs shall be relevant to worksites established within the Suburban Area.

Upon receipt, CERT will then forward the twelve completed RSWHAs to Network Safety for review and independent endorsement. In parallel with this review, the TFPCs concerned may continue to work to their current level of competency on the Metro network, as detailed on their R.I.W card.

Where Network Safety has deemed the submitted RSWHAs to be adequate, no further action will be required, either by CERT or the affected TFPC. Where Network Safety has deemed the submitted RSWHAs to be inadequate, the TFPC will require to undergo full retraining via any of the Metro approved training providers.

Both the submission of completed RSWHAs and the independent review of RSWHAs by Network Safety must be completed by 30th April 2016.

Where this date cannot be met, the TFPC concerned must be fully retrained.

This safety bulletin will serve as the authority in the absence of an updated Metro Track Protection Card.

Any further queries on the subjects listed above should be referred to Metro Academy or other approved Metro training providers.

Refer to Bulletin 39 “Changes to Track Protection Training Providers and Recertification” for a full list of Metro’s approved training providers.

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