PICOP Initial

This course is designed to train persons who have been nominated by their line manager/sponsor to enable them to attain the Person in Charge of Possession (PICOP) competence.

The PICOP competence is required to be held by anyone who is required to set up and manage a possession for the purpose of undertaking engineering works on the rail infrastructure and includes the management of single train movements within the possession.

The PICOP course will take delegates through the procedures as set out in the Rule Book; Handbook 11 (Duties of the person in charge of possession), Handbook 12 (Duties of the engineering supervisor) and Handbook 13 (Duties of the person in charge of the siding). The course includes the importance of using the correct communication protocols and adopting the appropriate behaviours to be able to carry out this role safely and effectively.

Instructions

It is the Sponsors responsibility to ensure candidates booked onto the course are eligible for the training they are to receive and in line with any relevant medical level or restriction that may apply, in accordance with NR/L2/OHS/00124 Competence Specific Fitness Medical Requirements.

Please be aware that candidates will be treated on a training event as if they are at work and they must comply with the relevant medical policy and bring their Sentinel Smartcard which will be swiped at the start of the course.

Must be a minimum age of 18.

Meet the medical requirements of Network Rail Standard NR/L2/OHS/00124 Competence Specific Fitness Medical Requirements to minimum medical level 2 and Network Rail Standard NR/L2/OHS/00120 (Drugs & Alcohol).

Must have sufficient command of English language, and of the English language as detailed in Network Rail Company Specification NR/L2/CTM/021 (Competence & Training in Track Safety).

Must bring Sentinel smart card with valid PTS, Full COSS or IWA (not probationary status). Must meet entry requirements of IWA or COSS competence.

COSS/IWA Logbook *(NB: These can be in the form of the actual blue book or Sentinel Swipe-in. Candidates can bring a Sentinel download provided by their Sponsor)*

Network Rail Handbook modules 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (we recommend that you revise these modules before attending the course).

Must Bring Photo ID - For British Nationals, one of the following (**original hard copy - not electronically**): a current and valid branded form of identity token, used for accessing the RMI (Railway Maintained Infrastructure) such as a Sentinel Card; in-date and valid full driving licence; in-date and valid UK Provisional Photo Card Driving Licence; in-date and valid passport, a UK biometric ID Card/Residence Permit (BRP), an Armed Forces Identity Card, a proof of age card recognised under PASS with a unique reference number (this includes the Citizen ID Card), N.I. Electoral Identity Card or a resident permit as per Home Office guidance.

For Non-British Nationals - an in-date and valid passport, Identity Card or Driving Licence from an EU or European Economic Area (EEA) country or a US Passport Card is required (**original hard copy - not electronically**).

Please advise of any special needs i.e Dyslexia

It is the responsibility of the individual trainees Manager to decide upon their suitability to attend the course in accordance with the current issue of NR/L2/CTM/021 Competence & Training in Track Safety.

Further Information

Following successful completion of the PICOP Initial training, candidates will enter into a 4 month probation period whereby the sponsor is responsible for mentoring them. The mentoring must be logged in the PICOP Work Experience Log Book for the candidate to be eligible for further assessment. Within this period, the candidate must have undertaken an Initial PICOP Assessment with an approved training provider.