



# Metro Handsignaller competency accepted on the V/Line Network.

## Purpose

This bulletin is to provide industry communication regarding the changes to the initial training and recertification outcomes of the **MTM Handsignaller Level 2.2 competency, in relation to acceptance on the V/Line network.**

## Background

Section 117 of the Rail Safety National Law (RSNL) requires rail transport operators to ensure that each Rail Safety Worker is competent to carry out rail safety work in relation to accredited railway operations. This means all workers including MTM employees, as well third-party contractors that operate on the MTM Metropolitan Rail Network, must have completed the necessary rail safety training, achieve and maintain the required competencies.

The MTM Initial Lookout and Handsignaller competency that is currently completed at MTM's Metro Academy is not recognised as equivalent by other accredited rail operators - including the V/Line Regional Rail Network. This is due to differences in the networks policies and procedures.

Over the past 24 months, Metro Academy has been working with V/Line to incorporate the policy and procedure differences between the two Networks into MTM's Lookout and Handsignaller training.

This uplift of courseware is to ensure that learners are informed of the differences between the MTM Metropolitan Rail Network and that of the V/Line Regional Rail Network when performing these duties.

This is part of a continuous effort to improve the interoperability across rail networks in Victoria and provide further value to learners participating in training at Metro Academy.

## Pathway for V/line recognition using MTM competencies, as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024:

- **Initial Training.** After the successful completion of the Initial MTM Handsignaller course, including the infield component, learners will be issued a Certificate of Completion that is valid for upload against the RIW competency - Certificate of Currency. V/line – Track Protection – Handsignaller (Level 2.2) (47189)
- **Renewal Training.** After the successful completion of a Handsignaller, TFPC 3.2 or TFPC 3.3 Renewal course at Metro Academy, learners will be issued a Certificate of Completion that is valid for upload against the RIW competency - Certificate of Currency. V/line – Track Protection – Handsignaller (Level 2.2) (47189)
- **These changes will take effect as of Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2024.**





# RIW BULLETIN

## Impact

These changes will benefit learners completing Initial Handsignaller or Handsignaller Renewal, TFPC 3.2 or TFPC 3.3 renewal training at Metro Academy.

These changes will not retroactively be applied to learners who attended training prior to Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2024.

It is important to note that students will need to complete both the MTM Lookout (Initial) and Handsignaller (Initial) courses including infield requirements, for the V/Line Handsignaller accredited competency to be awarded to their RIW profile.

The Certificate of Currency. V/line – Track Protection – Handsignaller (Level 2.2) (47189) competency will be added to students RIW profiles by Metro Academy post 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, upon successful completion of Handsignaller Initial or Handsignaller renewal, TFPC 3.2 or TFPC 3.3 renewal training.

## V/Line Accreditation Pathways

The following provides an overview of the accreditation pathways using MTM obtained competencies to gain accreditation to the V/line Handsignaller competency.



**Blue** – Competency is for Metro accreditation only.

**Green** – Competency can be used for dual accreditation across MTM and V/line Networks.

## Questions

Questions relating to this bulletin can be directed to [railsafetytraining@metrotrains.com.au](mailto:railsafetytraining@metrotrains.com.au)

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# RIV BULLETIN

## The Responsible Manager is to determine the following:

Which areas in MTM are to be notified of this alert?

Check	Code	Division/Department
<input type="checkbox"/>	MTM	Entire MTM Network
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHE	Engineering / Chief Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/>	HMR	People & Performance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INF	Infrastructure Delivery
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELN	Electrical Networks
<input type="checkbox"/>	OCS	Operational Control Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	SIG	Signals & OCS
<input type="checkbox"/>	STF	Structures & Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	TRK	Track Delivery
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPS	Operations
<input type="checkbox"/>	TSD	Train Service Delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SWS	Safeworking / Signalling
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOS	Network Operations
<input type="checkbox"/>	SER	Metrol
<input type="checkbox"/>		Customer Experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	STO	Stations Customer Experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	AOS	Authorised Officers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PRJ	Projects & Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	ROS	Rolling Stock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SQE	Safety, Environment & Risk
<input type="checkbox"/>		Other (e.g. Other Divisions/Departments or people not listed):

## Which contractors should be notified of this alert?

Note: This is undertaken by MetroSafe through the Avetta portal. All contractors/third parties have previously been tagged into their relevant MTM areas.

Check	Division/Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All MTM Contractors and Third Parties
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rolling Stock
<input type="checkbox"/>	Operations

## How should this alert be distributed and/or acknowledged?

Note: This section may be amended by the Division dependent on best method of distribution

Check	Division/Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issued via email
<input type="checkbox"/>	Placed on Noticeboards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Placed in staff pigeon holes / letterboxes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delivered during toolbox discussions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employees to acknowledge receipt
<input type="checkbox"/>	L4-SQE-FOR-070 Alert Register
<input type="checkbox"/>	Toolbox Attendance Records
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekly Operational Notice (WON)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):