



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 1st 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 1st of October 2024.









Impact

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

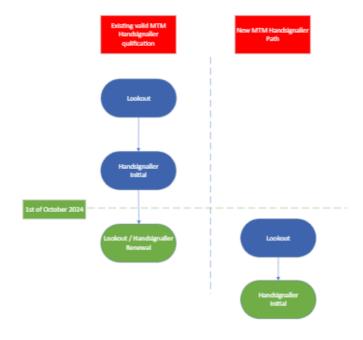
These changes will not retroactively be applied to learners who attended training prior to Tuesday the 1st of October 2024.

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 1st 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

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The Responsible Manager is to determine the following:

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

Check	Code	Division/Department
	MTM	Entire MTM Network
	CHE	Engineering / Chief Engineer
	HMR	People & Performance
	INF	Infrastructure Delivery
	ELN	Electrical Networks
	OCS	Operational Control Systems
	SIG	Signals & OCS
	STF	Structures & Facilities
	TRK	Track Delivery
	OPS	Operations
	TSD	Train Service Delivery
	SWS	Safeworking / Signalling
\boxtimes	NOS	Network Operations
	SER	Metrol
		Customer Experience
	STO	Stations Customer Experience
	AOS	Authorised Officers
	PRJ	Projects & Planning
	ROS	Rolling Stock
	SQE	Safety, Environment & Risk
	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		
\boxtimes	All MTM Contractors and Third Parties		
	Corporate		
\boxtimes	Infrastructure		
\boxtimes	Projects		
	Rolling Stock		
	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		
\boxtimes	Issued via email		
	Placed on Noticeboards		
	Placed in staff pigeon holes / letterboxes		
	Delivered during toolbox discussions		
	Employees to acknowledge receipt		
	L4-SQE-FOR-070 Alert Register		
	Toolbox Attendance Records		
	Weekly Operational Notice (WON)		
	Other (specify):		



