

TRAIN TRACK SAFETY AWARENESS (TTSA) L1 EXPIRY DATE DISCREPANCIES

V/Line's Safety Management System currently requires a renewal of Train Track Safety Awareness Level 1 (TTSA1) for contractors every 12 months. MTM and ARTC require renewal every 24 months.

Current TTSA L1 cards may have two dates of expiry. This is causing confusion for some contractors seeking to access the V/Line network.

As part of the transition to the Rail Industry Worker Card system for recording competencies nationally, V/Line will align with other rail networks in accepting the 24 month period.

It is a requirement of the contracting organisation to ensure the currency of a workers competence in TTSA. Currency is broadly defined as the maintenance of skills and knowledge, or put simply; it is keeping current with current industry knowledge, skills and practice. Currency is most often displayed by a solid employment history in the relevant field.

In the short term we require the following declaration (page 2) to be signed by affected parties thus permitting the recognition of existing cards to the two year expiry. This declaration will need to be kept by the contracting organisation in the employee's file and available for audit. A scanned copy will also need to be sent to V/Line at riw@vline.com.au

TRAIN TRACK SAFETY AWARENESS LEVEL 1 (TTSA L1) VS SAFELY ACCESS THE RAIL CORRIDOR (SARC)

V/Line has completed the mapping of TTSA L1 against the national unit of competence TLIF2080B Safely access the rail corridor (SARC). With the move towards national consistency where possible, V/Line will be transitioning from delivering TTSA L1 to delivering the SARC unit for internal staff under our Enterprise RTO status.

Registered Training organisations delivering the Level 1 training to V/Line contractors have already commenced this transition. Instead of receiving a TTSA L1 card, competent contractors will be issued with a Statement of Attainment for the TLIF2080B unit. This statement will need to be uploaded to the RIW system as evidence along with the other minimum job role requirements to work for V/Line.

For a full list of RTOs delivering this unit please see www.training.gov.au

V/Line will be developing an assessment to ensure currency of competence in this unit. The assessment may be administered where a contractor:

- Has completed SARC interstate and needs to be assessed on Victorian specific information,
- Has completed SARC more than 2 years ago,
- Cannot provide evidence of consistent rail industry work over the past year, or
- As required by V/Line

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Declaration of Competence against TTSA L1

I.....declare that I have undertaken Rail Safety Work over the past 12 months and have maintained currency against the Train Track Safety Awareness (TTSA) Level1.

The latter date on my Victorian Train Safety Accreditation Card for TTSA will be honoured by V/Line as my expiry date.

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Name

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Signature

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Date