

V/LINE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAIL INDUSTRY WORKER CARD FOR CONTRACTORS

Over the coming months V/Line will be working with its contractors to support the implementation of the Rail Industry Worker (RIW) card.

The implementation of the RIW card is being driven by legislation that requires that each rail safety worker carrying out rail safety work has the competence to carry out that work. The competence of a rail safety worker must be assessed in accordance with relevant qualifications of units of competence recognised under the Australian Qualifications Framework or as prescribed by the national regulations. Competence must also be assessed by reference to the knowledge and skills of the worker that would enable the worker to carry out rail safety work safely (Rail Safety Act 2012).

Contractors will be required to register their business with Onsite Track Easy and upload evidence of their workers' competence against specific requirements of V/Line job roles. The process of confirming these Job role matrices has commenced and Bulletins will be released as they become available. Please check the contractor section of V/Line's website to keep up to date.

Two stages will apply to the implementation of the RIW card;

- Enabling - due 30th March 2014
- Full compliance – due 30th June 2014

The Enabling stage will involve registering for a RIW card and uploading evidence of having successfully completed the following:

- TLIF2080C Safely Access the Rail Corridor
- CPCCOHS1001A Work safely in the construction industry (Construction Induction Card); and
- A Category 3 Railway Medical (minimum)

You can find Registered Training Organisations (RTO) who offer TLIF2080C at <http://training.gov.au>

Full Compliance will involve workers selecting the relevant job role matrix and uploading the required evidence of competence. Currently V/Line has agreed to the 3 ARA matrices on the system for Around the Track Personnel, Civil Mobile Plant Operator and Civil Trade Qualified Personnel. Details of these matrices are available [here](#).

The aim is to have all job role matrices available and all contractors fully compliant by 30 June 2014.

BACKGROUND

The Rail Industry Worker program aims to provide a single national competency management system for those working on rail. Led by industry and supported by the Australasian Railway Association (ARA), the program meets regulatory requirements and complies with national rail safety legislation.

For workers, one card replaces the need to carry excessive paperwork or multiple cards. Employers also benefit, with secure and accurate data collection and reporting options which can assist in resource planning.

The Rail Industry Worker competency management system was launched in March 2013. By implementing the RIW for contractors, V/line is coming on board with Rail Operators from across the nation to provide one card with many benefits including:

- Centralised and standardised competency management
- Reduces duplication of data between projects

- Facilitates recognised prior learning (RPL) between projects
- Easier reporting and resource planning
- Access to scanned electronic copies of competencies
- Automated expiry reminders and notifications
- Reduced ongoing administration and costs
- Document verification

The Rail Operators supporting the RIW card include:

- ARTC
- Transport of NSW
- John Holland
- Metro Trains Melbourne
- Country Rail Network
- Queensland Rail

More information on the RIW card including a list of frequently asked questions can be found here <http://railindustryworker.com.au/about>