



How to become a Protection Officer



What is a Protection Officer?

A Protection Officer (PO) is a person who is qualified to implement varying levels of safeworking worksite protection for activities being undertaken in the rail corridor by rail industry workers on TfNSW, ARTC and John Holland (CRN) Networks. The Protection Officer courses are competency based beginning with Protection Officer Level 1, progressing to Protection Officer Level 4, should you choose to do so. PO courses are designed to provide participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to protect worksites for ARTC and TfNSW networks.

Duties and Responsibilities

A PO's role entails levels of responsibility and accountability. Safeworking categorises the roles and responsibilities of rail safety workers deemed competent to safely manage rail traffic on worksites, ensuring safe separation is maintained between workers and machinery, preventing workers from being struck by rail traffic whilst undertaking their duties. To achieve this, a PO must be able to;

- reference the Network Rules and Procedures to ensure correct worksite protection is implemented
- conduct safety assessments
- compile worksite protection plans and 'work on track' documentation
- confirm the identity and competence of workers
- deliver worksite protection pre-work briefing to workers

Course Outline

Participants will be required to pass theory and practical assessments to achieve competency.

The journey to becoming a qualified PO is undertaken in stages, often referred to as 'blended delivery' via the following methods:

Stage 1

Classroom theory training (off-job assessment), consists of in-class face to face training with a qualified Trainer/Assessor which gives insight and provides instruction on how to assess risk, source information, identify and implement worksite protection, in accordance with the Network Rules and Procedures. You will be required to successfully complete written assessments prior to commencing Stage 2.

Stage 2

On Job Workbook (OJWB). After passing the theory assessments, you will be issued with a OJWB which covers the practical requirements of each PO level and provides evidence of your training. This component must be supervised by a qualified PO2 or higher. Often referred to as safeworking coaches/mentors or subject matter experts, they provide instruction and demonstration relating to the activities outlined in the OJWB, and 'sign off' attesting you have met the required criteria to attempt a 'one on one' assessment, with a qualified Trainer/Assessor. If successful, you will be deemed competent.

Note: To work on TfNSW Network, your OJWB provider must be a company approved to supply safeworking (PO) resources to TfNSW.

Stage 3

Final Competency Assessment: This needs to be undertaken at the completion of the OJWB, and is conducted by a qualified Trainer/Assessor.

For TfNSW: Enrolment to sit the Final Assessment can only be made by a company approved to supply safeworking (PO) resources.

For ARTC/CRN: if you only require ARTC/CRN certification, you can undertake your Final Assessment with a Southern Cross Civil & Rail Training (SCCRT) trainer/assessor.



Steps to becoming a Protection Officer

PROTECTION OFFICER LEVEL 1 COMPETENCIES ISSUED:

- TLIF2081 Perform lookout duties
- TLIF3083 Conduct track protection assessment
- TLIL3082 Implement absolute signal blocking
- TLIW2001 Operate under track protection rules
- TLIW2037 Clip and secure points
- TLIF2097 Use audible warning devices

PROTECTION OFFICER LEVEL 2 COMPETENCIES ISSUED:

- TLIL3065 Implement track occupancy authority
- TLIC2081 Pilot rail traffic within work on track authority limits
- TLIL4069 Plan and coordinate protection for multiple worksites within the limits of a work on track authority

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Rail Industry Worker (RIW) Course *TLIF2080 Safely access the rail corridor*

Cost: \$275
Location: Chullora
Duration: One day
Pre-requisite: 100 points of ID and ability to speak, write, read and understand English well

- Formerly known as RISI
- Consists of a theory (*closed book*) and practical assessment
- On successful completion, you will be issued with a **Statement of Attainment** for *TLIF2080 Safely Access the Rail Corridor*.

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Category One Medical

Must be completed by a Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) approved practitioner. Information can be found on the Rail Industry Worker website, refer to 'Authorised Health Professionals'.

Category One medical consists of:

- blood screen
- drug and alcohol testing
- ECG
- hearing, vision & mobility testing

This is available at our training facility

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Application for RIW Card through Pegasus/Onsite

An application must be submitted to Pegasus/Onsite through a company of your choice, which includes:

- **100 points of ID**
- **Category One medical results**
- **Statement of Attainment** for *TLIF2080 Safely Access the Rail Corridor*.
- **White Card** (Construction Industry General Induction)

Cost: \$110

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Protection Officer Classroom Theory Training (Stage 1)

Cost: \$400 PER level
Location: Chullora
Duration: Two (2) days of theory PER level
Pre-requisite: Category 1 Medical and RIW card.

PACKAGE DEAL:

At SCCRT, we offer Protection Officer Levels 1 & 2 at a discounted rate of **\$700**, which must be completed over **four** (4) consecutive days.

After completion of this course, you will be issued a **Certificate of Completion** recognising 'partial completion' and an **On Job Workbook per level**.

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On Job Workbook (Stage 2)

Duration: You will have **6 months** to complete your *On-Job workbook*.

Your *On-Job Workbook* **MUST** be signed off by a qualified PO Level 2 or higher as outlined on the front page.

Duration: You will be given **6 months** after receipt of *Certificate of Completion* and *On Job Workbook* to complete PO 1 **AND** PO 2 training. However it is a requirement you must be assessed and deemed **FULLY** competent at PO Level 1 **prior** to commencing PO Level 2 On Job Workbook training.

Should any extenuating circumstances arise that does not allow you to complete this component within the 6 month timeframe, arrangements can be made for an extension of time. Please contact us for further information.

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Final Competency Assessment (Stage 3)

TFNSW
Cost: \$150 PER level payable to TfNSW
Location: TfNSW at Petersham
Duration: One day

Arrangements and bookings can only be made by an approved TfNSW Safeworking Panel Provider.

ARTC/CRN

If you only require ARTC/CRN Network certification, you can undertake your Final Assessment with a SCCRT Trainer/Assessor.
Cost: \$200 PER level

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Final Step

TfNSW
After you have completed your Final Assessment and been deemed competent, you will be required to send your signed *On Job Workbook* and **Statement of Attendance** from TfNSW to SCCRT for verification and issue of your **a Statement of Attainment**.

ARTC/CRN

You will be issued with your Statement of Attainment.