



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.

Duties and Responsibilities

A PO's role entails levels of responsibility and accountability. Safeworking categorises and records the roles and responsibilities of rail safety workers that are competent to undertake the safe management of rail traffic, 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;

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

Note: Protection Officers who are involved in serious non-compliance/safeworking incidents can lose their PO qualifications.

Course Outline

Participants will be required to pass theory and practical assessments to achieve competency. After passing the theory assessments (Step 1), you will be issued with an 'On Job Workbook' (Step 2) which covers the practical requirements of PO duties and provides evidence of your training. This work book needs to be completed by you for each level and signed off by a competent PO 2 or higher. You have 6 months to complete your 'On Job Workbook'. When complete, a Final Assessment (Step 3) needs to be undertaken (by TfNSW Assessor or SCCRT Assessor for ARTC) to determine competence.

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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- ### 1 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*.
- ### 2 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
- ### 3 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
- ### 4 Protection Officer Theory Course (Part 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** and **On Job Workbook**.
- ### 5 On Job Workbook (Part 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.

PACKAGE DEAL
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.

If you require assistance with this, please contact us for further information.
- ### 6 Final Assessment (Part 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. eg MCR.

ARTC/CRN
If you only require ARTC/CRN Network certification, you can undertake your Final Assessment with a SCCRT Trainer/Assessor.
- ### 7 Final Step

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**.