

Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) Protection Officer (TPO) Course

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 in the Transport for New South Wales/Sydney Trains Network. The Protection Officer course is competency based beginning with Protection Officer Level 1, progressing to Protection Officer Level 4, should you choose to do so.

The course is designed to provide participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to protect worksites in the **TfNSW/Sydney Trains Network**.

If you wish to work in other Networks, such as ARTC, Melbourne Metro etc, please contact the office for further information.

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.

Protection Officers role is to perform the following, but not limited to:

- Reference the Network Rules and Procedures to ensure correct worksite protection is implemented
- Complete workplace risk assessments
- Conduct safeworking/protection assessments
- Confirm Rail Industry Worker (RIW) identity
- Compile worksite protection plans and other work on track documentation
- Deliver worksite protection pre-work briefings to workers
- Arrange and implement the method and/or authority of protection to separate workers and rail traffic

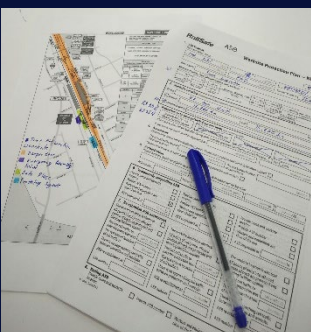
Course Outline

Participants will be required to pass a number of theory and in-field practical assessments to achieve competence.

The journey to becoming a qualified PO is undertaken in steps, often referred to as 'blended delivery'. (See the reverse side of this flyer guide '**Steps to becoming a TfNSW Protection Officer.**')

Recertification

Due to the safety critical nature of a Protection Officer role, you will need to undertake a recertification **every two (2) years**, which confirms and retains knowledge and currency.



**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
- TLIF0008 Apply safety critical communications in the rail environment

**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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Steps to becoming a TfNSW Protection Officer

Finding a Suitable Company

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Prior to commencing theory training with Southern Cross Civil and Rail Training (SCCRT), you must contact an approved TfNSW safeworking company and receive **written confirmation** that on-job coaching will be provided to you by that company.

SCCRT will confirm the arrangements with your nominated company prior to course commencement.

Ensure you are aware of the training schedule and requirements by your nominated provider to gain competency.

Application for RIW Card

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An application is submitted to RIW **by the company** of your choice (Approved TfNSW Safeworking Panel Provider) who will require copies of your:

- **100 points of ID**
- **Category 1 medical results**
- **Statement of Attainment** for *TLIF0020 Safely Access the Rail Corridor*.
- **White Card** (Construction)

SCC01/TLIF0008 – Apply safety critical communications in the rail environment

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Cost: \$275
Duration: One (1) day

Effective written, radio & telephone communication are essential for safety in the Network. This course is designed to ensure that you are aware of the importance of communication in the Network.

This course has been mandated to be successfully completed before you can attempt your TPO01 Final Assessment with TfNSW. Please contact the office for further information regarding this course.

Rail Industry Worker (RIW) Course *TLIF0020 - Safely access the rail corridor*

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

- Consists of a theory (*closed book*) and practical assessment (one on one with trainer/assessor)
- On successful completion, you will be issued with a **Statement of Attainment** for *TLIF0020 Safely Access the Rail Corridor*.

TfNSW Track Protection Officer Level 1 (TPO01) & 2 (TPO02) Theory Course

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Cost: \$1800
Location: SCCRT Chullora
Duration: Eight (8) business days
Pre-requisite: TLIF0020 Safely Access the Rail Corridor, Cat 1 Medical and approval from TfNSW approved safeworking company.

We offer the Protection Officer Levels 1 & 2 combined which must be completed over **eight** (8) consecutive business days.

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

TfNSW Final Competency Assessment

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Cost: \$250 per level
Location: SCCRT Chullora
Duration: One (1) day

Prior to Final Assessment, SCCRT will validate and review all on-job logbook evidence. Any incomplete or insufficient evidence received, will be returned to you for amendment.

When all evidence submitted meets the required criteria, your Final Assessment can take place, one-on-one with a SCCRT approved Trainer/Assessor. On successful completion of your Final Assessment, you will be deemed competent by SCCRT and issued a Statement of Attainment for each level.
Arrangements & bookings can only be made by an approved TfNSW Safeworking Panel Provider.

Category One Medical (CAT 1)

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

The **CAT 1 medical** consists of:

- Blood screen
- Drug and alcohol testing
- ECG
- Mobility, hearing & vision testing (colour blind)

**Arrangements can be made via our training facility.*

In-field On-Job Workbook Training (OJWB)

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Your on-job workbook learning requires you to perform tasks and procedures under the guidance of a Supervising Protection Officer nominated by your approved provider, who must **'sign off'** each task and procedure you need to complete.

Video, audio, and photo evidence will be captured during your in-field on-job training. On completion, this evidence will be sent to SCCRT for review and validation.

You will have a **maximum 6 months** to complete your OJWB training.

Final Step TfNSW 'Rail Safety Worker Authorisation'

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The **Final Step** is to book in for an interview, conducted by TfNSW to arrange the issuance of a **'Authorisation Certificate'** which allows you to carry out the Protection Officer role on the Sydney Trains Network.

Note: A \$50 fee will be charged by TfNSW.