

ARTC RAIL SAFETY WORKER COMPETENCE – UPDATED PROCEDURES

The worker competence project office is continually reviewing procedures that apply to contractors. Updated versions of the following documents have been posted to the ARTC website <http://www.artc.com.au/Content.aspx?p=220>

- *Signals Rail Safety Worker Competence EST-20-02*
- *Rail Safety Worker Competency Management HR04-002*
- *Business Rules Handbook for the Contracting Rail Safety Worker HR08-003*

Changes provide further detail for contractors in response to queries received by the project office. They also introduce new procedures for signals rail safety workers.

Summary of Changes

Key changes to the documents are summarised in the following paragraphs.

Signals Rail Safety Worker Competence EST-20-02. This is a new procedure that adapts the current procedure to include features of the new ARTC competency management system. The process of applying for rail safety worker cards for SOC holders is further explained.

Rail Safety Worker Competency Management HR04-002. The procedure is expanded to provide additional information for engineering, project management and signals groups.

Business Rules Handbook for the Contracting Rail Safety Worker HR08-003. The handbook has a number of new questions that provide contractors with additional information on obtaining rail safety worker cards. Section 9 has been substantially amended to provide information on safeworking breach management.

Implementation

The worker competence project is presently being rolled out as per the following dates:

	Enabling Compliance date	Full Compliance date
New South Wales	2 April 2012	30 June 2013
South Australia	1 July 2012	30 June 2013
Victoria	30 September 2012	30 June 2013
Queensland	1 January 2013	30 June 2013
Western Australia	1 January 2013	30 June 2013

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