

ARTC Rail Safety Worker Cards

This bulletin provides advice to contractors on ARTC'S rail safety worker competency system.

Actions Required by 30th June 2013.

Contractors to date have only been required to provide minimal evidence to obtain rail safety worker cards. In order to keep your rail safety worker card, all contractors completing

- track and civil
- plant and equipment
- communications

work must obtain additional competencies from the Transport and Logistics training package by 30th June 2013. Contact your local ARTC team manager for further information.

All contractors in the groups identified above must have the additional competencies from the Transport and Logistics training package by 30 June 2013. Any contractor who does not have the competencies by that date will be blocked from working on the ARTC network.

Who does NOT need an ARTC rail safety worker card?

Not everyone needs to have a RSW card. Those who do NOT need a RSW card include:

- ARTC employees carrying current certificates of competence or identity cards
- Workers entering ARTC'S corridor to perform rail safety work for another rail operator – for example fitters repairing a coal/grain wagon
- Drivers making a delivery to a worksite
- External third party (non-rail related) workers e.g. telecommunications, water, gas and other service providers
- Any other workers performing roles that are not defined in ARTC'S competency matrices - for example government inspectors of road bridges

Such personnel must be covered by an access agreement or SP-05-02 Communication / Competency Requirements for Entering Rail Corridor. Personnel entering the corridor under this procedure must provide evidence of track safety awareness training and a current rail medical.

ARTC is now issuing the Rail Industry Worker Card

During 2012 ARTC worked with other rail operators to create a card that can be recognised across the rail industry. This led to the rail industry worker program, which is owned and endorsed by the Australasian Railway Association (ARA) to provide a single national competence management system for every person working in rail.

ARTC is now issuing the new rail industry worker card to contractors. The card looks like this:



The new card is different to the previous rail safety worker card in that it is badged with the ARA logo, is a different colour, and contains a barcode in the bottom right hand corner. The barcode can be scanned by any smart phone with the downloadable application, allowing a contractor's competencies to be viewed immediately. More advice on the application will be forwarded in a future bulletin.

All future correspondence on ARTC's worker competence program will refer to rail industry worker cards. Contractors should note that even though a new card is being introduced, existing rail safety worker cards will continue to be valid, and contractors will not have to replace them with the new card.