

Working on the Sydney Trains Network

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What can an AEO do on the Sydney Trains network?

What does being an AEO mean?

- *“The Asset Standards Authority (ASA) authorises Authorised Engineering Organisations (AEOs) to provide particular engineering services to Transport for NSW. How an AEO delivers these services and the scope of work provided to Transport for NSW will be defined through a contractual arrangement with Transport for NSW (TfNSW).”*
- *“AEOs will be required to perform engineering works within a contractual project or service arrangement in accordance with transport agency network and safety guidelines.”*

What are the Sydney Trains procedures that apply?

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Signalling Safeworking Procedures

- Persons who are not competent and suitably licensed or authorised by Sydney Trains shall not perform signalling work or enter a signalling location unsupervised on the network.
- Approval of the Sydney Trains Signalling & Control Systems Manager is required for contractors in senior signalling roles on Sydney Trains network, e.g. Commissioning Engineer.



Process for Authorisations & Licensing

- Defines functions requiring a Licence or Authorisation:
 - E.g. Signal Engineer, Signal Electrician, Signals Mechanical, Signals Authorised Person (includes authorisations to carry out inspections and work safely in live signalling locations)
- Lists the activities that can be performed under the various licenses and authorisations.
- Lists the requirements to obtain the licenses and authorisations.

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Reassessment of Signalling Workers

- Competency of staff qualified for the grades involving signalling safeworking, inspection and testing of signalling safety equipment and systems formally reviewed for reassessment within a period not exceeding every 3 years.
- Reassessment currently applies to licenses not authorisations to maintain the Certificate of Competency.

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Permits to Work

- A Permit-to-Work is required to undertake any activities on Sydney Trains that require a license or authorisation
- Matches the elements in the individual's Certificate of Competency with the requirements for a given activity
- Issued on the basis of the scope and location for a project or maintenance area

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INFRASTRUCTURE - PERMIT TO
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Permits to Work

- A Permit-to-Work can only be issued by:
 - Signals Engineering Manager, Maintenance, and may be delegated to Maintenance Signal Engineers
 - Senior Signals Commissioning Manager, and may be delegated to Commissioning Engineers.
 - Signalling & Control Systems Manager, and may be delegated to external Commissioning Engineers.

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- When authority is delegated to a Commissioning Engineer, Permit-to-Work is issued with scope to “act as Commissioning Engineer with delegated authority to issue Permits-to-Work”.
- This acts as Sydney Trains endorsement of Commissioning Engineer appointment.
- Only issued with evidence of appointment by contract AEO.

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Permits to Work

- Currently a plan for the S&CS Manager to delegate a 'nominated person' in TPD to act as an external 'Senior Signals Commissioning Manager', i.e. the nominated person will then have authority to delegate authority to issue Permits-to-Work to external Commissioning Engineers without going to Sydney Trains.
- Not quite in place yet...

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Issuing of Signalling Security Keys

- Sydney Trains procedure PR S 40048 (J048)
- Keys issued to go with a Permit-to-Work
- Recent update (EIS 1503) allows the Sydney Trains Signalling & Control System Manager to authorise another AEO to hold an allocation of signalling security keys for signalling works.

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Signalling Locations and Equipment – Security Locks and Keys

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TMG J048 SIGNALLING LOCATIONS AND EQUIPMENT – SECURITY LOCKS AND KEYS

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Version	Date	Summary of change
1.0		Replaced SC 00 52 00 48 Signalling Locations and Equipment – Security Locks and Keys.
1.1	14/01/2008	Changes to reflect the split of signalling infrastructure into separate ARTC and RailCorp systems and how to deal with locks & keys at the interface between the systems. Also changes to reflect the current usage of keys by licensed RailCorp employees and contractors.
1.2	8/05/2009	Minor amendment to Appendix 2 re design and technical engineers.
1.3	July 2009	Minor amendment to Table 5.1, Section 13, Appendix 1 & 2
1.4	May 2010	Application of TMA 400 format
2.0	October 2011	Updated complete document to reflect current business requirements, associate the process exclusively for keys issued for signalling infrastructure work, restructure the layout to logically read better.

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