

Network Rules and Procedures Amendments

Effective 20 December 2020

Briefing for
Sydney Trains, NSW Trains,
TfNSW Employees,
Contractors and
Private Operators
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This flyer summarises important changes to Sydney Trains' Network Rules and Network Procedures.

Amendments to the Network Rules and Network Procedures will come into effect at 00:01 hours on Sunday, 20 December 2020.

All users of the Network Rules and Network Procedures should familiarise themselves with these changes, and ensure their copies of the Network Rules and Network Procedures are amended accordingly.

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NWT 308 Absolute Signal Blocking and NPR 703 Using Absolute Signal Blocking

Amended to clearly identify who is responsible for:

- nominating the worksite location
- protecting the worksite location.

Limited the type of references used to nominate a worksite location:

- from one signal to another signal, or
- from a signal to the end of a terminal line.

Worksites will extend from and to the references used to nominate the worksite location.

Reinforced that the Protection Officer must tell the Signaller the planned type of ASB protection as specified in the ASB Rule eg. two consecutive controlled absolute signals at STOP with blocking facilities applied, or one controlled signal at STOP with blocking facilities applied and points secured etc.

Added instructions:

- that if the nominated worksite is on more than one line, the Protection Officer must define the nominated worksite location separately for each line
- that signals used to define a nominated worksite location must be associated with the specific lines
- that rail traffic must not be authorised to enter the ASB worksite location unless the ASB is suspended or has ended
- when rail traffic can be authorised for an alternative route
- when protecting signals on an adjacent line can be cleared for movements that do not allow rail traffic to enter the nominated worksite
- for the Signaller to tell the Protection Officer if a new protection number is used when reinstating a suspended ASB.

Added example figures to support alternative routes and adjacent lines in NPR 703.

Updated example figures in NPR 703.

NRF 015 Worksite Protection Plan

NRF 015 Unit change - updated specimen worksite protection plans, NRF 015C and NRF 015D.

NRF 015C Form changes:

- amended worksite location field to specify from signal to signal or terminal line
- relocated minimum warning time calculation fields
- removed statement "Where practicable, tell the Signaller the signal(s) or points you have identified to protect the work".

NRF 015D Form changes -

Added fields for the Protection Officer to record:

- the kilometre location of TWA worksites
- the signal numbers of signals used for protection
- minimum warning time calculation.

NRF 018 Absolute Signal Blocking (ASB)

NRF 018 unit changes -

Amended instruction for completing Item 2 - Worksite Location.

NRF 018 Form changes -

Added amended worksite location field to specify from signal to signal or terminal line.

Removed statement "Protecting signal(s) or points identified by PO correspond with worksite location".

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