

Purpose Statement

Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Track and Rail Site Maintenance

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to progress to the next level of vocational learning including Further Education. It could also support your entry to employment or your development within employment. The qualification was designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding across areas within this sector, including track maintenance and railway site maintenance.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Those currently unemployed who wish to retrain
- Experienced workers looking to progress and/or seeking a formal qualification

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the qualification you will be required to complete 18 credits and to commit to approximately 180 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete a mandatory unit in 'Preparing for Work in the Railway Industry' which will provide an introduction to the industry and ask you to evaluate your own performance against the knowledge, understanding and skills required for your chosen career pathway.

You will then complete a range of generic optional units from across both Track Maintenance and Rail Site Maintenance. At least 3 credits are required from both of these groups, to provide you with an introduction to both areas of work.

Examples of include, but not limited to:

- Undertake routine manual maintenance of the permanent way
- Carry out corrective manual adjustments to permanent way assets
- Contribute to the security of the environment in the rail industry

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required. However, it may be useful to have completed a Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Track and Rail Site Maintenance.

What are the Progression Opportunities?

The qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise and develop your skills and establish personal, learning and employment goals.

The achievement of the qualification will prepare you for progression to the next level of vocational learning. Examples of this include, but are not exclusive to:

- Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Track and Rail Site Maintenance
- Intermediate Apprenticeship in Rail Engineering and Track Maintenance

You may choose to seek employment, for example:

- Basic Track Operative

In this role, you would spend most of your time working outside using automated and manual tools. You will carry out general maintenance which could include anything from lookout duties for your team to shovelling ballast. You will be responsible for ensuring that vehicles, materials, tools and plant equipment under your control are fit for use and are used, stored and disposed of correctly. You should be conscientious, reliable and hard working. Health and safety is of the utmost importance so you would be required to always work in accordance with your organisation's procedures, method statements and supervision instruction.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. There will be elements within the qualification that will need to be completed in a practical setting.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification was developed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges including Pinehirst Training, Orion Group and Sysco Business Skills Academy.