

## **Economic Analyst**

The National Skills Academy for Rail (NSAR) is an organisation established to enable the sector to deliver a modern and efficient, world-class railway through the development of a highly skilled and productive workforce.

Part of its function is to forecast and predict what the workforce of the future might look like and how it changes from the workforce of today, as well as what the economics of that prediction might look like.

Reporting to the Head of Skills Intelligence, the key feature of the Economic Analyst role is to provide economic context to the strategic workforce planning and skills intelligence activities for the UK rail industry and potential other sectors too.

This role is based in central London (SW1H).

The key responsibilities are shown below:

### **Key responsibilities**

- To provide macro and micro economic analysis when interpreting skills intelligence data;
- To inform other team members of how the economics of a railway system works;
- To be able to describe how the railway industry operates, with all the key organisations and government bodies;
- To deploy understanding of the industry structure to the statistical data received;
- To make sensible economic judgements when considering relevant future aspects of the industry's asset development (e.g. digitalisation and productivity);
- To analyse results using statistical methods;
- To identify and interpret trends or patterns in skills data sets;
- To be able to filter and "cleanse" industry and workforce data;
- To write reports and present data outputs to internal and external audiences;
- To support the business development effort when writing bids and submissions;
- To work closely with the rest of the NSAR team to prioritise business and information needs;
- To locate and define new process improvement opportunities;
- To undertake any other duties at the request of their Line Manager which are

commensurate with this role.

**Essential attributes:**

- An extensive understanding of macro and industry wide economics;
- UK rail industry knowledge;
- Competent at problem solving, report writing and presenting findings;
- Understanding of how economics works in the transport industry, particularly around skills;
- Exceptionally strong IT skills, especially in MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint;
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to collect, organise, analyse, and disseminate significant amounts of information with attention to detail and accuracy;
- Knowledge of statistics and experience using statistical packages for analysing large datasets;
- Knowledge of the sales and business development process;
- Being organised, logical and methodical;
- Experience supporting senior managers;
- A good standard of education is required with a minimum of a 2<sup>nd</sup> class degree (or equivalent).

**Personal attributes:**

- Ability to communicate effectively at all levels using e-mail, telephone or in person;
- Ability to build effective working relationships with a range of staff and managers;
- Being proactive and self-motivated;
- Ability to work on own initiative or as part of a team;
- Ability to organise and prioritise own workload;
- Ability to deal effectively with competing demands;
- Ability to manage routine enquiries without immediate supervision;
- Being able to work to strict deadlines.

Salary range – up to £50K per annum depending on skills and experience.

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