

What

Transitional arrangements for the Safe Work Leader competences have now ended.

Transitional arrangements were communicated to the industry via a range of briefings at key Industry forums, direct engagement with Assured Providers and communications which were issued via the Training Toolkit and Network Rail Training's publications. These communications required Assured Providers to act to ensure that their Trainers were awarded with the correct SWL1 and SWL2 capabilities. For information purposes, the original communications are attached with this brief.

All Assured Trainers should now have the SWL1 and SWL2 capabilities which they are entitled to. A list provided by Network Rail has been given to NSAR for reference and business as usual management of the award of capabilities.

Why

Network Rail have determined that SWL1 and SWL2 competence is fit for business as usual activities.

NSAR is the Assurance Organisation with delegated responsibility from Network Rail to uphold and apply the RTAS Rules and applicable Network Rail standards including NR/L2/CTM/202.

When

NSAR will manage SWL1 and SWL2 capabilities with immediate effect.

Competence & Capability

All SW1 and SWL2 holders maintain their competence, when it expires, by taking an exam hosted on the Rail Exam platform. This process allows Assured Trainers to maintain their competence. There is **not a SWL1 and SWL2 specific annual on-line exam.**

Any Assured Trainer requiring the SWL1 and SWL2 capability for the first time will follow the current standard upskilling process.

If SWL1 and SWL2 competence is **not** maintained, the Assured Trainer SWL1 and SWL2 capability becomes **invalid**. To be able to deliver the capability again the Assured Trainer is required to upskill using the current standard upskilling process. There are **no exceptions**.

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SWL Capability management

Action required

Any queries regarding these capabilities must now come to NSAR in the first instance. Should there be any clarification required from Network Rail, NSAR will manage this on behalf of Assured Providers in the same way as any other Track Safety Capability.

Any Assured Trainer who has completed the transitional arrangements but have not been awarded SWL1 and SWL2 capability should notify NSAR.

Any Further queries

Please raise any further queries in the normal way via Freshdesk <https://nsar.freshdesk.com/a/dashboard/default>