What

Network Rail has been working with Rail Industry Stakeholders to develop a capabilities award process for On-Track Plant, OLEC2-3 and Welding Disciplines.

The process is now ready to enter a Pilot stage and is attached to this briefing. NSAR will support this process by acting as the conduit between applicant and Network Rail.

The process applies to all new and increased capability in all competences within the On-Track Plant, OLEC 2-3 and Welding frameworks.

Why

Network Rail is responding to the upskilling difficulties that have been experienced by the Rail Industry over recent years.

When

The new process will launch as a pilot from Monday 30th September 2019. The application and process will be available for download from that date.

Summary of Changes

Approval of capabilities will sit with Network Rail Professional Heads to decide from evidence submitted to NSAR in the form of an application form and evidence which the trainer/assessor believes is relevant to inform the award of capability.

The application will be hosted on NSAR website at https://www.nsar.co.uk/qa-resources/ for download and has been enabled for electronic completion.

All other capabilities are unaffected and remain within the RTAS Rules V1.0 process including Track Safety.

Action required

From Monday 30th September 2019, Assured Providers who wish to request additional capability in **any** of the included disciplines will be required to follow this process.

Any queries regarding this process and its implementation should be submitted to Freshdesk in the normal way https://nsar.freshdesk.com/a/dashboard/default

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Trainer and/or Assessor Capability Approval Process – OTP, OLEC2-3 & Welding

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Trainer and/or Assessor

- Trainer & or Assessor downloads application form Hosted on Skills Backbone and www.nsar.co.uk
- Complete application which includes supporting evidence
- Capability not awarded or under review **DO NOT DELIVER TRAINING/ ASSESSMENT**
- Deliver Training/ Assessment as awarded

Training Provider

- Upload application form and supporting evidence to Skills Backbone
- Are actions complete? → YES / NO
- Act in accordance with the Professional Head review requirements
- Receive notification from NSAR of capability approved

NSAR

- Has all required information been provided? → YES / NO
- Return request as 'more information required'
- Send to Network Rail Professional Head
- Advise outcome of the Professional Head review to provider
- Approve capability request on Skills Backbone and add to Sentinel

Network Rail Professional Head

- Can the application be approved? → YES / NO
- Advise NSAR what action is to be taken
- Advise NSAR that capability can be awarded