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Module T9

Loading and unloading rail vehicles during engineering work

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You will need this module if you carry out the duties of a:

- driver of an engineering train
- driver of an on-track machine
- operator of an on-track machine
- person in charge of movements and unloading and loading rail vehicles
- shunter of an engineering train.

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Controlling movements

*The people responsible: person in charge of movements and loading and unloading rail vehicles, **i** driver, driver or operator of OTM, shunter*

1.1 Where these instructions apply

These instructions apply to engineering trains and on-track machines when loading and unloading rail vehicles. They do not apply to on-track plant. You will find the instructions for on-track plant in module OTP *On-track plant (OTP)*.

1.2 Responsibilities of the person in charge and shunter

a) Person in charge

You are responsible for:

- the safe loading or unloading of moving or stationary vehicles
- controlling the movement of vehicles which are being loaded or unloaded
- giving warning to everyone who needs to know for their own safety when vehicles are about to be moved for loading or unloading.

person in
charge

b) Shunter

You are **not** responsible for the control of movements when vehicles are being loaded or unloaded.

shunter



Within this module the person responsible for movements and loading and unloading rail vehicles is referred to as the person in charge.

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1.3 Agreeing the requirements

person in charge, driver, driver or operator of OTM, shunter

You must come to a clear understanding with each other about:

- when the person in charge will take over control of movements
- how the movement will be controlled
- when the control of movements will be handed back to the driver, operator or shunter.

1.4 Before moving the train

person in charge

When you have been given authority for the train to be moved, you must:

- check that it is safe for the train to move
- warn anyone working near the vehicles to stop work and move to a position of safety
- warn everyone to stay on the vehicles if they need to be on them during the movement. This also applies when a train is to change its speed or stop.

1.5 During the movement

a) Giving handsignals or audible instructions including by radio

person in charge

You must control train movements by giving the driver or operator:

- handsignals, or
- audible instructions.

You must carry out the relevant instructions in module SS2 *Shunting*.

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When using handsignals to control the movement and it is dark, you must always use a green light instead of a white light to indicate to the driver to move the train slowly.

person in charge

b) Sounding the horn

Before you act on any signal that you have been given, you must sound the horn as a warning.

driver,
driver or
operator of
OTM

c) Speed of movements

You must keep to a steady speed (not more than 5 mph).

d) Propelled movements

If the train needs to be propelled, you must if possible, control it from the leading end. If this is not possible, you must arrange for a competent person to:

person in charge

- ride on the leading vehicle, or
- walk alongside the leading vehicle.

If you are at the leading end of the movement, you must warn everyone on or about the line if they might be put in danger by the movement and, if necessary, stop the movement.

1.6 Unloading sleepers or rails

You must not allow sleepers or rails to be unloaded from a moving train. The only exception is from a train or vehicles specifically designed for this purpose.

person in charge

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The term	Includes or means:
Competent person	A person who is passed as being qualified and has the required knowledge and skills to carry out a particular rule, regulation, instruction or procedure.
Engineering train	Includes an on-track machine.

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