

Release of the SA Rail Commissioner Safe Working job roles and matrix

The SA Rail Commissioner is in the process of developing competency requirements to meet industry standards.

The purpose of this notice is to provide an update on the development of the **Safe Working Job roles matrix** and planned release dates.

On 5 January 2026 the SA Rail Commissioner Safe Working job role matrix will go live in the RIW system. A copy of the matrix can be found [here](#).

Please note competency requirements differ between the AMPRN Train and Tram. Rail safety workers must ensure they meet the requirements of, and hold the role specific to, the network they are entering.

See further details in relation to the specific networks below.

AMPRN Train

With the exception of the [SA Rail Commissioner Operator role](#), all other SA Rail Commissioner Safe Working job roles released in this matrix are equivalent to, and supersede, AMPRN Safe Working Roles previously in place when Keolis Downer Adelaide was the network operator.

No changes have been made between competency requirements of the AMPRN under Keolis Downer and the AMPRN under SA Rail Commissioner.

However, name changes do apply for all roles. A summary of these naming changes can be found below:

Former AMPRN job role title	SA Rail Commissioner AMPRN job role title
AMPRN Operator	SA Rail Commissioner Operator
AMPRN Lookout Working	AMPRN Train - Lookout Working (LOW)
AMPRN Absolute Signal Blocking	AMPRN Train - Absolute Signal Blocking
AMPRN Track Occupancy Authority	AMPRN Train - Track Occupancy Authority

Former AMPRN job role title	SA Rail Commissioner AMPRN job role title
AMPRN Track Work Authority	AMPRN Train - Track Work Authority
AMPRN Stop Board Operator	AMPRN Train - Stop Board Operator
AMPRN Local Possession Authority	AMPRN Train - Local Possession Authority
AMPRN Person Responsible for Electrical Safety	AMPRN Train - Person Responsible for Electrical Safety
Operate Road Rail Vehicle	AMPRN Train - Operate Road Rail Vehicle

If you are a rail safety worker who currently holds a valid AMPRN Safe Working job role in the RIW system, you do not need to do anything. The RIW system will automatically roll over your competencies and job role to the equivalent SA Rail Commissioner **AMPRN train** job role on the 5th of January 2026.

AMPRN Tram

It is important to note that changes have been made to competency requirements of the Safe Working job roles previously specified by Adelaide Metro Operations (formerly Torrens Connect). A summary of changes can be found here:

- New Job role **AMPRN Tram - Person Responsible for Electrical Safety** has been created with the following required **competencies**:
 - SA Rail Commissioner Operator role
 - Person Responsible for Electrical Safety
- For **Lookout working** job role, the following competencies are no longer required:
 - Use audible track warning devices
 - Clip and secure points
 - Torrens Connect Person Responsible for electrical safety
- For **Track Occupancy Authority** job role, the following competencies are no longer required:
 - Use audible track warning devices
 - Clip and secure points
 - Torrens Connect Person Responsible for electrical safety
 - Pilot rail traffic work within authority limits
- For **Track Work Authority** job role, the following competencies are no longer required:
 - Use audible track warning devices
 - Clip and secure points
 - Torrens Connect Person Responsible for electrical safety
 - Implement track occupancy authority
- For **Local Possession Authority** job role, the following competencies are no longer required:
 - Use audible track warning devices
 - Clip and secure points
 - Torrens Connect Person Responsible for electrical safety
 - Implement track occupancy authority

Although Adelaide Metro Operations do not have Safe Working roles listed in the RIW system, if you are a rail safety worker who is currently undertaking a Safe Working job role previously specified by Adelaide Metro Operations, your competencies will be created in the RIW system and the RIW administrator in your organisation will be required to assign you to the job role specific to the work you are undertaking. Although you do not need to do anything for this to occur, please liaise with your employer to ensure the correct role has been assigned to you. These job roles must be assigned to RIW card holders by 2nd February 2026.

Name changes do apply for all roles. A summary of these naming changes can be found here:

Former Torrens Connect job role title	SA Rail Commissioner AMPRN job role title
AMPRN Operator	SA Rail Commissioner Operator
Lookout Working (Competent Worker Level 1)	AMPRN Tram - Lookout Working (LOW)
Track Occupancy Authority (Competent Worker Level 2)	AMPRN Tram - Track Occupancy Authority
Track Work Authority (Competent Worker Level 3)	AMPRN Tram - Track Work Authority
Stop Board Operator	Will not be created
Local Possession Authority (Competent Worker Level 4)	AMPRN Tram - Local Possession Authority
Person Responsible for Electrical Safety	AMPRN Tram - Person Responsible for Electrical Safety (New role)
Operate Road Rail Vehicle	AMPRN Tram - Operate Road Rail Vehicle

Please note during this transition there may be documentation that does not reflect the changes noted in RIW. Please refer to RIW for the most up to date information for competency requirements for SA Rail Commissioner AMRPN Safe Working job roles.

If you have any questions about the SA Rail Commissioner Safe Working Matrix, please contact [Keolis Downer](#) for Train and [Adelaide Metro Operations](#) for Tram.