



Developing a National Competence Assurance Framework for Train Drivers (P4.106)

Background

The advantage to industry of a National Competence Assurance Framework is that it would reduce training costs by efficiently targeting existing levels of competence and providing recurrent training only where and when needed, with concomitant increase in performance and safety. It would also facilitate transfer of staff between operators avoiding unnecessary and costly retraining where it is not needed.

Objective

This research project will build a national competence framework that includes both the experience of drivers and those who train and manage them. This project follows on from P4.101 (Scoping Current Practices in Driver Performance Monitoring and Feedback).

Outcomes

A report containing recommendations for a national competence assurance framework will be delivered, utilising a literature review, case studies and surveys.

Benefits

A national competence assurance framework has the potential to reduce training costs by efficiently targeting existing levels of competence and providing recurrent training only where and when needed, with resulting increases in performance and safety. It would also facilitate transfer of staff between operators avoiding unnecessary and costly retraining where it is not needed.

Project timeframe

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