

Metro Academy Bulletin

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Purpose

The objective of this bulletin is to advise Third-Party / Contractors the mandatory compliance of Safely Working in the Rail Corridor (SWIRC) on Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) Project sites from **01 July 2022**.

Background

SWIRC is the safety training program developed by LXP to equip new entrants with the necessary safety knowledge and skills required for construction works on MTM Project sites. MTM started the training delivery of SWIRC in September 2019 under license agreement with LXP.

The original intent from LXP was to have Rail Safety Workers (RSWs) complete SWIRC training prior to commencing works at MTM Project sites. MTM facilitated at no cost to industry training for the first 6 months of the program in 2019-20.

COVID impacted a number of training sessions that had to be deferred; approximately 2400 attendees were placed on a deferred list. An exemption to attend training was introduced that allowed persons to attend MTM construction sites as long as they were enrolled on a SWIRC course.

Additional sessions were programmed in late 2021 and early 2022 to address the deferred numbers of enrolments. All the students who were deferred due to COVID in 2021 have attended training as of March 2022.

Metro Academy (MA) added an additional facility (ATS Laverton North) that became operational in November 2021. This created an opportunity to deliver the SWIRC training to an additional 90 students/week. MA is now well placed to deliver the SWIRC training session to 344 students/week, previously it was 200 students/week. This is an increase of 72%.

No SWIRC, No WORK

The critical risks mentioned below still exist within the operational environment for MTM.

- 1- Legislative requirements,
- 2- Safety requirements, and,
- 3- Operational requirements.

These risks are compromising the original intent of the SWIRC programs for new entrants. MA is able to deliver SWIRC training on demand i.e., 344 students each week with an additional surge capacity.

MA is supporting MTM Projects Division enforcing a mandatory requirement for new entrants to attend SWIRC training prior to commencing construction works at MTM Project sites.

This risk mitigation will be known as “No SWIRC, No WORK”. This will mitigate individuals attending the work sites without meeting MTM’s minimum mandatory requirement for Projects.

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Industry consultation has been conducted in May 2022 and the planned date of initiation of this mitigation is to commence from **01 JULY 2022**.

Note: As of the 01 July 2022, SWIRC course booking confirmations will no longer be accepted on any MTM Project site and RSW's must hold the SWIRC competency on their RIW profile.

RIW Competency Requirements

The RIW Competency Code for SWIRC is "**MTM - Safely Working in the Rail Corridor (SWIRC) (91006)**". Evidence that is accepted under the SWIRC competency is either of the following:

- SWIRC Certificate of Completion (New Entrants on MTM Projects site),
- TTSA Certificate including Statement of Attainment (TLIF2080 Safely Access the Rail Corridor) dated prior to the 01/09/2019, or,
- An Exemption letter issued by MTM.

Note: MTM - Operator role will not be updated. SWIRC will remain as a standalone Network Based Competency as required for MTM Projects Division.

SWIRC Training Seats Availability

MA has 2,193 seats available from 17 May 2022 – 30 June 2022 that can be purchased and booked via The Platform.

SWIRC Certificate RIW Upload

MA admin team will upload SWIRC certificate within 2 business days for an individual upon successful completion of SWIRC training.

Questions

Questions relating to this bulletin can be directed to metroacademy@metrotrains.com.au