

Using clearance locations

Introduction

Clearance Handsignallers at clearance locations report the passage of rail traffic to Signallers, Protection Officers or Handsignallers at block posts.

Establishing a clearance location

Signaller or Protection Officer

1. Tell a clearance Handsignaller to establish the clearance location.

Clearance Handsignaller

2. Go to the specified location.
3. Make sure that you:
 - stand in a safe place, and
 - have a clear view of approaching and departing rail traffic, and
 - have effective communication with the Signaller, the Protection Officer or the Handsignaller at an adjoining block post, as required, by telling them that you are in place.

Signaller, Protection Officer or block post Handsignaller

4. Confirm that you have established effective communication with the clearance Handsignaller at the location.

Clearance Handsignaller and Signaller or Protection Officer

5. Record, in permanent form, the time that the clearance location was established.

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Working a clearance location

Clearance Handsignaller

1. If rail traffic has passed completely beyond the clearance location, record, in permanent form:
 - the identification details of the trains or track vehicles, and
 - the time when they passed the location, and
 - whether they showed tail lights or end-of-train markers.
2. Tell the Signaller, Protection Officer or Handsignaller at an adjoining block post, as required:
 - the identification details of the trains or track vehicles, and
 - the time when they passed the location, and
 - whether they showed tail lights or end-of-train markers.

Removing a clearance location

Signaller or Protection Officer

1. Tell the clearance Handsignaller to remove the clearance location.
2. Record, in permanent form, the time that the clearance location was removed.

Clearance Handsignaller

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Network Procedures

NPR 721 Spoken and written communication

NPR 722 Manual block working

NPR 723 Using block posts

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