

## Procedures

# NPR 746 Authorising rail traffic to pass an absolute signal at STOP

## Description

This document describes the procedure for authorising rail traffic to pass an absolute signal at STOP.

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## Introduction

Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators and Signallers use a specific form of words to make sure that Train Crews and Track Vehicle Crews get and understand the authority to pass an absolute signal at STOP.

## Passing an absolute signal at STOP

### Driver or Track Vehicle Operator

- 1 Give the Signaller:
  - the identification of the train or track vehicle, and
  - the signal number, location or designation.

### Signaller

- 2 Give the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator authority to pass the signal at **STOP** in accordance with *NSG 608 Passing signals at STOP*.
- 3 Say:
  - “Driver of (train number or track vehicle number), this is Signaller at (your location).
  - You are authorised to pass signal (signal number), and to proceed to (name of location).”
- 4 Give the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator additional instructions, and information about the condition of the block ahead, as necessary.

### Driver or Track Vehicle Operator

- 5 Say:
  - “Signaller at (location), this is Driver of (train number or track vehicle number).

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- I am authorised to pass signal (signal number), and to proceed to (name of location).”
- 6 Repeat the Signaller’s additional instructions back to the Signaller.

### Signaller

- 7 Acknowledge that the Driver or Track Vehicle Operator has repeated the authority and the instructions correctly.

### Driver or Track Vehicle Operator

- 8 Wait for the Signaller’s acknowledgment that the authority and the instructions have been repeated correctly.

## Examples

In the following example, the Driver of train 29-J is authorised by the Signaller at Sydenham to pass signal SM675, and instructed to report the condition of the block.

Driver of 29-J	“Signaller at Sydenham, this is Driver of train 29-Juliet. I am standing at signal Sierra Mike-675, which is at <b>STOP</b> .”
Signaller at Sydenham	“Driver of train 29-Juliet, this is Signaller at Sydenham. The last train to enter the block was 132-Lima, and it has arrived complete at Campsie. You are authorised to pass signal Sierra Mike-675 and proceed to the next signal. Obey that signal indication and report the condition of the block. Read back the authorisation.”
Driver of 29-J	“Signaller at Sydenham, train 29-Juliet is authorised to pass signal Sierra Mike-675. I am to obey the next signal indication, and report the condition of the block.”
Signaller at Sydenham	“Driver of train 29-Juliet, correct.”

In the following example, the Driver of train 29-J is given information about what is known about the condition of the block at the time, and authorised to pass signal SM675.

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Driver of 29-J	"Signaller at Sydenham, this is Driver of train 29-Juliet. I am standing at signal Sierra Mike-675, which is at <b>STOP</b> ."
Signaller at Sydenham	"Driver of train 29-Juliet, this is Signaller at Sydenham. The last train to enter the block was 132-Lima, which has arrived complete at Campsie. The line ahead has been reported clear. You are authorised to pass signal Sierra Mike-675. Proceed to the next signal and obey the next signal indication. Read back the authorisation."
Driver of 29-J	"Signaller at Sydenham, train 29-Juliet is authorised to pass signal Sierra Mike-675. I am to proceed to the next signal and obey the next signal indication."
Signaller at Sydenham	"Driver of train 29-Juliet, correct."

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