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Open Awards Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Track and Rail Site Maintenance (RQF)

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About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Track and Rail Site Maintenance (RQF)
QAN	601/7918/1
Sector	Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies
Level	1
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
Review Date	31/08/2026

Ofqual Purpose	Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area
Ofqual Sub-Purpose	Prepare for further learning or training Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Certificate	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	180
Guided Learning (hours)	153

Age Range and Restrictions:	
Pre -16	✓
16 – 18	✓
19+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any specified entry requirements
There are no specific prior achievements required. There are no other restrictions on learner entry and this certificate may be studied alongside other vocational qualifications.

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

Learners will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence set and marked by the education provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

Candidates must provide sufficient evidence that they have the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is their own work.

Types of evidence could include:

- a) Observation of performance
- b) Questioning (written or oral)
- c) Practical Activities
- d) Photographs or videos
- e) Personal statements
- f) Project work
- g) Witness testimonies
- h) Group discussion
- i) Recognition of Prior Learning

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

Qualification Units

Rules of Combination	
Credit Value of the Qualification	18
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	18
Mandatory Units A	All 3 credits must be achieved
Optional Group B	A minimum of 3 credits to be achieved
Optional Group C	A minimum of 3 credits to be achieved

Mandatory Unit Group (A)

QAC Code	Unit Name	Credits	Level
H/507/8273	Introduction to Working in the Railway Industry	3	Level One

Generic Optional Units Group (B): Track Maintenance

QAC Code	Unit Name	Credits	Level
M/507/8275	Carry out Corrective Manual Adjustments to Permanent Way	3	Level One
T/507/8276	Dismantle and Remove Permanent Way Assets and Components	3	Level One
J/507/8279	Install Permanent Way Assets and Components	6	Level One
F/507/8278	Reinstate the Work Site after Permanent Way Engineering Activities	3	Level One
K/507/8274	Undertake Manual Maintenance of the Permanent Way	3	Level One

Generic Optional Units Group (C): Site Maintenance

QAC Code	Unit Name	Credits	Level
R/507/8284	Assist with Maintaining Structures and Surfaces	2	Level One
Y/507/8285	Assist with the Maintenance of Equipment	3	Level One
D/507/8286	Assist with the Transport of Physical Resources within the Work Area	2	Level One
H/507/8287	Clearing and Weeding Outdoor Spaces	2	Level One
L/507/8283	Contribute to the Security of the Work Environment in the Rail Industry	2	Level One
T/506/0215	Health and Safety in the Workplace	2	Level One
F/507/8281	Introduction to Engineering Tools, Equipment and Materials	4	Level One
T/506/2031	Maintain Wooden Structures with Water-Based Preservative	2	Level One
A/507/8280	Receiving and Storing Stock	2	Level One

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Centre

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards centre. For more information, head to our website or contact the team on 0151 494 2072

How to Deliver

You can deliver this qualification by completing a [New Qualification Request Form](#) via the Open Awards portal. For more information, see the Centre Handbook, or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

Registering Learners

Once you are ready to deliver this qualification, you will need to register your learners in line with the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.

Full year long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via the Open Awards [portal](#).

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Template forms and guidance documents are available via the Open Awards portal.

Centre Staff Requirements

Centres are responsible for ensuring that their staff are suitably skilled and experienced. Tutors/ assessors and internal quality assurance (IQA) staff must have relevant occupational knowledge and/or occupational competence at the same level or higher as the units being delivered.

Although not mandatory, best practice would be for Assessors to hold the relevant D32/D33/A1/AQA unit(s) and Level 3 Award in Education or Training. Likewise, best practice would be for Internal Verifiers to hold the relevant D34/V1/IQA unit(s).

Centres are responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Training and support

Open Awards offers training and support events in Delivery & Assessment and Quality Assurance. These events are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of these training events are on our [website](#).

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

All centres delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A centre must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

Centre approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewers/External Quality Assurers who will

confirm that the centre is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.
Please refer to Internal and External Quality Assurance within the Centre Handbook.

Standardisation

Centres are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers Standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

Further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation please refer to the [Centre Handbook](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the centre to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external verification by the Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewer for the centre.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on the Open Awards [portal](#).

Health and Safety

It is acknowledged that elements of this qualification will be delivered in a practical setting and could include work-place learning. It is therefore essential that appropriate health and safety guidelines are followed at all times and appropriate risk assessments in place to safeguard the learners. It is recommended that all learners complete a full induction, including relevant health and safety instruction.

Below is a list of suggested resources to support centres with appropriate guidelines for Health and Safety. This is not intended as an exhaustive list. It is important that centres follow their own internal health and safety and risk assessment processes and ensure they are following all relevant Health and Safety guidance,

- Rail Safety and Standards Board
<http://www.rssb.co.uk/>
- Office of Rail Regulation
<http://orr.gov.uk/>
- Network Rail
<https://www.safety.networkrail.co.uk>

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Privacy Policy

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