

Feedback from recent course completers (Nov 2021)



I was first introduced to the Trackwork railway course by a career advisor whom put me in contact with Tracy to gain advice on applying for the course. After a brief phone call with Tracy I was invited for an information session regarding the course and what it has to offer.

The information session was very helpful as it explained in detail verbally and PowerPoint presented with what to expect covering every angle of the course and what was achievable throughout, this was also a good chance to get any of my own questions answered. After receiving the information required I was invited for a one to one with Tracy and given the opportunity to talk about my past work experience and goals for the future within the rail, I left the information session satisfied with an understanding of what great opportunities the course has to offer.

Within no time I was then booked on to a course ready to start my journey within the railway, unfortunately during my work at the weekend I had suffered a broken ankle, just two weeks into my course which was devastating as I thought I was going to lose my opportunity to get on to the railway. After contacting Tracy and explaining my situation she put me at ease and told me my chance has not been affected and to allow recovery and get back in contact to get booked onto the next available course, which I did.

Tracy stuck to her word and after a phone call telling her I was fully recovered I was straight back onto a fresh course. The course itself consists of a mixture of written and hands on work, the first 5 weeks of the course was focused on the NVQ level 2 in railway engineering, which is important to complete and write everything required down as it will help you later on, I'm someone who struggles with classroom based work but the way the course is structured and delivered allowed me to fly through with ease.

After completing your NVQ and your D&A test you will then start your PTS (personal track safety) this consists of an (e learning) computer test, a track walk out & a multiple choice exam which will all be a doddle as you will have received all the information required to complete from the beginning of your course up until now.

After your PTS you will do your Olec 1 & your DCCR these two take 1 day each and are very simple as long as you have been listening and writing your notes down, these will allow you to work on rail with overhead lines and also tracks with 3rd rail.

Upon completion of all of the above you will then be ready for the final stage of the course which is the TIC exam which will also be no problem as you will have gained all the knowledge required to complete.

Once completing your course you will receive a blue book you must look after this and will need to get it signed after your shifts until you gain your white hat, then you will receive your competency card through the post and finally your sentinel card allowing you to start your career on the rail!

I completed my course and received my sentinel card around 2 weeks of completion as soon as I received my card I contacted the sponsor put forward by Trackwork, I was straight into work the following week and haven't stopped since. There is as much work on the railway out there as you want if you want it, and you have self drive and can do what's asked when needed my advice would be get your course complete, get your trial shift, get your head down get stuck in and get your white hat which will come in no time and then work out what path you want to take within the railway as there is many!

On a whole the Trackwork course is an amazing opportunity to get on the railway start a good career and earn some good £££! As long as you turn up every day get stuck in, listen and write what's needed, you'll fly through the course! I wouldn't be where I was today if it weren't for Tracy and the Trackwork course, so Respect Tracy as she is a major gem who will look after you & also respect the opportunity the course is giving you!

Yours Respectfully

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