

Removal of Queensland Rail Plant & Mobile Plant Matrices

Background

Queensland Rail is in the process of full adoption of the National Plant roles, to ensure we provide a more consistent and aligned approach to managing competencies in this field. The aim of standardising rail roles is to provide consistency and agreed minimum requirements for contractors working across the various rail jurisdictions. The minimum requirements have been agreed to by the National Rail Industry Workers (RIW) Operations and Matrix Committees, which include rail operators, primary contractors and infrastructure organisations who are members of the Australasian Railway Association (ARA).

Changes to Plant and Mobile Plant Competencies

To adopt the National Plant roles, the Queensland Rail Plant and Mobile Plant roles will be removed, and contractors will need to hold National Plant roles.

There are seven Queensland Rail plant job roles that RIW cardholders currently hold. The below table highlights the equivalent national roles to these Queensland Rail job roles. Please refer to the [Network Operators Matrices - Rail Industry Worker \(riv.net.au\)](https://www.riv.net.au) to identify the role competency differences. If there are no gaps in your qualification, you will be able to transition across. However, if you do not hold all the competencies, you may need to complete further training to transition over the national job role.

QR-Plant Job Role	Mobile Plant Operator - Elevated Work Platform Operator <11 Metres	Mobile Plant Operator - Elevated Work Platform Operator >11 metres	On Track Plant Operator - Track Machine	On Track Plant Operator - Hi Rail	Mobile Plant Operator - Scraper	Mobile Plant Operator - Tip truck	Mobile Plant Tractor/Slasher
National Equivalent Role	Elevated Work Platform Operator<11M - National	Elevated Work Platform Operator>11M - National	Rail Bound Plant Operator - National	Road-Rail Plant Operator - National	Scraper Operator - National	Mobile Plant Operator - Tip truck	Tractor Operator - National

Please note: Queensland Rail Mobile Plant roles will be terminated in the RIW system by **30 September 2023**, and you will need to select the National Plant roles applicable to your work activities. If you identify any gaps in the competencies you hold under any of these job roles, you will need complete your training and transition over to the national roles by this date. Your company RIW System Administrator can upload all required evidence against the roles to meet this requirement in the RIW System.

It is also important to note that you will also need to hold the following roles to ensure you meet Queensland Rail requirements:

- Around The Track Personnel (Construction/Maintenance) – National – **This role is a mandatory to be held work in Queensland Rails Network**
- QR Operator – **This role is a mandatory to be held work in Queensland Rails Network**
- QR - Working in Electrified Territory (WET) – **This role is to be selected if the person is working within the Queensland Rail electrified territory.**
- QR – Introduction to Network Lockout – **available as an online (e-learning) course in the RIW System – This is required for all workers/contractors who intend to work in the DANGER ZONE within the rail corridor. Refer to E-Learning competency matrix.**

There are two (2) roles from the Queensland Rail plant matrices that have not been affected by this change, this is due to no national equivalent being in place at this stage. They are:

- Mobile Plant Operator - Self propelled compactor
- CV Vehicle Loading Crane (capacity 10 metric tonnes and above)

If you hold one of these roles and are compliant, you are not required to do anything.