**Contact Details for PTS training and Safety Critical Medical;**

*Allow a minimum of 2 months in advance of proposed works or visits required “on or near the line” to arrange for the medical followed by the PTS training to obtain the minimum competency.*

**Safety Critical Medical supplier;**

Independent Occupational Health

6th Floor Causeway Tower, James Street South, Belfast BT2 8DN

Phone: 028 9024 7788

[appointments@indocc.co.uk](mailto:appointments@indocc.co.uk)

[www.indocc.co.uk](http://www.indocc.co.uk/)

As per the current Contract Safety Requirements (CSR) document, NIR has strict medical standards for all personnel performing safety critical duties. The contractor’s (Contractor shall be read to also mean Organisation throughout) personnel must meet the standards outlined in the NIR Medical Standards document prior to attending any NIR Rulebook (PTS) competency training. Allow time in advance of PTS training to arrange and receive results.

*As of August 2021, estimated timeframes are as follows; 3 weeks to arrange a date for the medical and a further 2 weeks before the PTS course date to obtain drug and alcohol results. Forms and further information are available on the website and will be provided when making arrangements. Once the medical date has been booked, contact* the *Safety Critical training supplier to arrange PTS course dates.*

**Safety Critical (PTS) training suppliers;**

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| Rail Training International (RTI)  FAO Andrew Russel  North Suite, Parsonage Offices,  Nackington, Canterbury CT4 7AD  Phone: 012 2776 9096 / 079 0690 5487  [www.RTI.co.uk](http://www.RTI.co.uk)  [andrewrussell@rti.co.uk](mailto:andrewrussell@rti.co.uk) | On Track Technicians (OTT)  FAO Nicola Taylor  Office 2 Building 3 Railway Studios, The Sidings, Lisburn BT28 3AJ  Phone: (028) 9264 6613 / 078 2143 8913 [www.ontracktechnicians.com](http://www.ontracktechnicians.com)  [nicci.taylor@otttrainingltd.com](mailto:nicci.taylor@otttrainingltd.com)  [Info@ontracktechnicians.co.uk](mailto:Info@ontracktechnicians.co.uk) |

When a contractor is required to be “on or near the line”, the contractor must ensure their personnel possess the appropriate NIR Rule Book competency and ensure tasks are carried out in accordance with the relevant section of the NIR Rule Book. NIR Rule Book competencies applicable to the contractor are as per the current CSR document.

PTS is the minimum competency required for going “on or near the line”. A Track Visitor’s Pass may be issued in lieu of PTS if the contractor’s personnel are making an infrequent visit “on or near the line”. A Track Visitor’s Pass will only be issued as per the Track Visitor’s Pass Procedure and authorised by the department head, otherwise the contractor’s personnel must possess PTS.

NIR requirements for each competency in relation to training pre-requisites and post completion mentoring, assessment practice guidelines and re-assessment are included in the current CSR document Appendix A. It is the contractor’s responsibility to maintain the competency of their staff as outlined in current CSR document Appendix A.

*Once the medical has been booked contact the Safety Critical training supplier to let me know the dates for the medical and they can predict when the paperwork will be with them to plan a course asap after that date.*

*The PTS initial course is a 2 day course and assessment. Once obtained this is valid for 2 years and can be renewed with a one day PTS Re-cert course if arranged and completed before the current PTS competency expires.*