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# Welsh Apprenticeship Pathway

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## *Train Driving Level 3*

The content of this Pathway has been agreed by *the TFW/CYC Train Driver Steering Group*. This is the only Apprenticeship Pathway in the Train Driver sector approved for use in Wales that is eligible for Welsh Government funding.

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## LEARNING PROGRAMME CONTENT

Pathway duration, minimum of 12 months

The total minimum credit value required for the Level 3 Pathway – *Train Driver* is **108 credits**, this includes combined knowledge and competence elements.

The Learning Programme provision shall comprise of three mandatory elements:

- Qualification
- Essential Skills
- On/off the job training

Pathway with minimum and total learning hours = 1075

Combined qualification = 895hours / 90 credits

Essential Skills Wales (60 hours x 3) = 180 hours / 18 credits

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no entry requirements for this framework, however:

Entrants to this pathway are likely to primarily be learners aged 20+ who have completed their GCSE / A Levels (equivalent) or Welsh Baccalaureate studies, and in some cases relevant vocational qualifications.

Other entrants may have experience of working in the sector and are now seeking to become qualified by undertaking an apprenticeship programme. Interest would be shown to those applicants who have had previous work experience or employment in the rail/transportation sector or seeking a career change.

In addition:

- Learners will need to be on a formal training scheme with a rail service company.
- Due to the nature of the role candidates must meet medical standards of physical health these are set out within the Train Driving Licences and Certificates Regulations 2010.
- Learners must have both the potential and opportunity to achieve the assessment criteria set out in the qualification units and gain evidence from the workplace.

## Job Role and Duties

Job Role	Duties & Responsibilities
<p>To prepare, drive, and dispose of traction units safely and efficiently within the laid down standards, rules &amp; instructions.</p> <p>To attain the highest level of performance efficiency, timekeeping and journey comfort for customers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for duty</li> <li>• Communicating effectively</li> <li>• Preparing, and operating trains for service</li> <li>• Responding to train faults</li> <li>• Responding to out of course situations</li> <li>• Provide effective customer service</li> <li>• Adhere to safety regulations at all times</li> <li>• Maintain effective records</li> <li>• Demonstrate professionalism at all times</li> <li>• Maintain professional training standards</li> </ul>

## APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY LEARNING PROGRAMME(S)

### Level 3 Diploma - Train Driver

#### Qualifications

Participants must achieve the following *combined* qualifications below.

Level 3 – Diploma in Train Driving					
Awarding Body	Qualification No.	Credit Value	Total Qualification Time	Competence / Knowledge / Combined	Qualification Assessment Language(s)
EAL	C00/4312/6	90	895 hrs	Combined	English Only

#### Essential Skills Wales (ESW)

Essential Skills Wales qualifications assessment languages are English-Welsh

Level 3: <i>(insert Pathway title)</i>	Level	Minimum Credit Value
Communication	2	6
Application of Number	2	6
Digital Literacy	2	6

## On/Off the Job Training

Pathway	Minimum On the Job Training Hours	Minimum Off the Job Training Hours
Level 3: Train Driver	344	490

On/Off the Job Qualification details (Minimum Credit & Hours)

- 90 credits / 834 GLH Level 3 Diploma in Train Driving

On/Off the Job Essential Skills details (Minimum Credit & Hours)

- 6 credits / 45 GLH Level 2 Essential Skills Wales Communication
- 6 credits / 45 GLH Level 2 Essential Skills Wales Application of Number
- 6 credits / 45 GLH Level 2 Essential Skills Wales Digital Literacy

## OTHER ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

*Please add any additional requirements*

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## PROGRESSION

*Learners and employers may consider the following progression opportunities:*

- Driver Instructor
- Driver Trainer
- Management
- Senior Management

**Progression from:**

On completion of the framework apprentices could seek internal progression to *Driver Instructor, Driver Trainer, Management, Senior Management*

## **EMPLOYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS (ERR)**

Employment Responsibilities and Rights (ERR) is no longer compulsory. But it is recommended that all apprentices (especially the 16 years -18-year group) receive a company induction programme.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the responsibility of the Training Provider and Employer to ensure that the requirements of this pathway is delivered in accordance with the Welsh Government Apprenticeships Guidance.

### **Further information may be obtained from:**

Welsh Government

**[DfES-ApprenticeshipUnit@gov.wales](mailto:DfES-ApprenticeshipUnit@gov.wales)**

## Annex 1

### Level 3: (Diploma in Train Driving)

An integrated qualification at Level 3, which combines competence and technical knowledge elements in which each element is separately assessed and in which each element carries at least nineteen credits.

Relationship between competence and knowledge qualifications

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To achieve this qualification learners are required to obtain all the units this diploma has 834 guided learning hours (GLH) and a Total Qualification Time (TQT) 895 hours (This is notional time required by the learner to complete the qualification).

**Mandatory Units: All units must be completed:**

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EAL code	Unit title	GLH
TD3-02	Prepare personally for duty	14
TD3-03	Communicate effectively	217
TD3-04	Prepare trains for service	70
TD3-05	Operate trains in service	372
TD3-06	Respond to train faults	56
TD3-07	Respond to out of course situations	77
TD3-08	Provide effective customer service	28

*(Note only: there is no unit: TD3-01 in this qualification)*