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PTSCTP Compliance During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

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Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP)

Regulation	Rule Overview	Status
Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program 49 CFR Part 672	Establishes training curriculum to enhance Safety Management System (SMS) knowledge and skillset of individuals who conduct safety audits and examinations of transit systems and those who are directly responsible for safety oversight of transit systems	Final Rule Published: 7/19/2018 Effective: 8/20/2018

Applicability

Mandatory

- State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) employees and contractors who conduct safety audits and examinations
- Rail Transit Agency (RTA) employees and contractors who are directly responsible for safety oversight

Voluntary

- Bus transit system personnel with direct safety oversight responsibility
- State Department of Transportation (DOT) agencies overseeing safety programs for subrecipients of Federal financial assistance

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Requirements

- PTSCTP participants must complete the initial training requirements of the PTSCTP within three years of enrolling into the program

- PTSCTP participants must complete refresher training every two years upon completing the initial training requirements
  - Each agency (i.e., SSOA or RTA) must identify required refresher training for individuals (staff and/or contractors) designated by the agency under the PTSCTP
  - The refresher training requirement must include a minimum of one hour of safety oversight training
  - Individuals who complete PTSCTP requirements will be provided a certificate of completion

- SSOAs and RTAs must certify compliance as part of the FTA annual certifications and assurances process

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PTSCTP Individual Training Plan (ITP)

ITP Tracks	ITP Courses	
State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA)	1. SMS Awareness 2. SMS Safety Assurance 3. SMS Principles for Transit 4. Transit Rail System Safety	5. Transit Rail Incident Investigation 6. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies 7. SMS Principles for SSO Programs
Rail Transit Agency (RTA)	1. SMS Awareness 2. SMS Safety Assurance 3. SMS Principles for Transit	4. Transit Rail System Safety 5. Transit Rail Incident Investigation 6. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies
Bus (voluntary)	1. SMS Awareness 2. SMS Safety Assurance 3. SMS Principles for Transit	4. Transit Bus System Safety 5. Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation 6. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies

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Availability of PTSCTP Courses

- FTA has continuously increased the availability of PTSCTP courses

PTSCTP In-Person Course Availability		
	FY18	**FY21**
Scheduled	77	89
Canceled	1	0
Delivered	76	0

- FTA has increased the delivery of *remote learning* PTSCTP courses in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency

PTSCTP Remote Learning Course Availability		
	FY18	**FY21**
Scheduled	13	15
Delivered	13	0

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PTSCTP Remote Courses

Current remote course offerings:
- SMS Awareness
- SMS Safety Assurance
- SMS Principles for Transit

FTA plans to convert all in-person rail PTSCTP courses to online, remote courses over the next 6-12 months.

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Register for PTSCTP Courses

Find the FY21 training schedule, FAQs, and more information at https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/safety-training

To register for courses:

- Register online through the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) Learning Management System (LMS) at https://tsi-dot.csod.com/client/tsi-dot/default.aspx
- Contact TSI for assistance at (405) 954-3682 or Transit@dot.gov

For PTSCTP ITPs, certifications, and questions:

- Contact FTA at FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov

Continued PTSCTP Participation During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

How to continue participating:

1. Complete the remote learning PTSCTP courses

2. Agencies may consider identifying refresher training requirements that designated staff and contractors can complete remotely or online

3. View up-to-date availability of in-person course deliveries on TSI's website

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Resources

FTA Safety Training Website

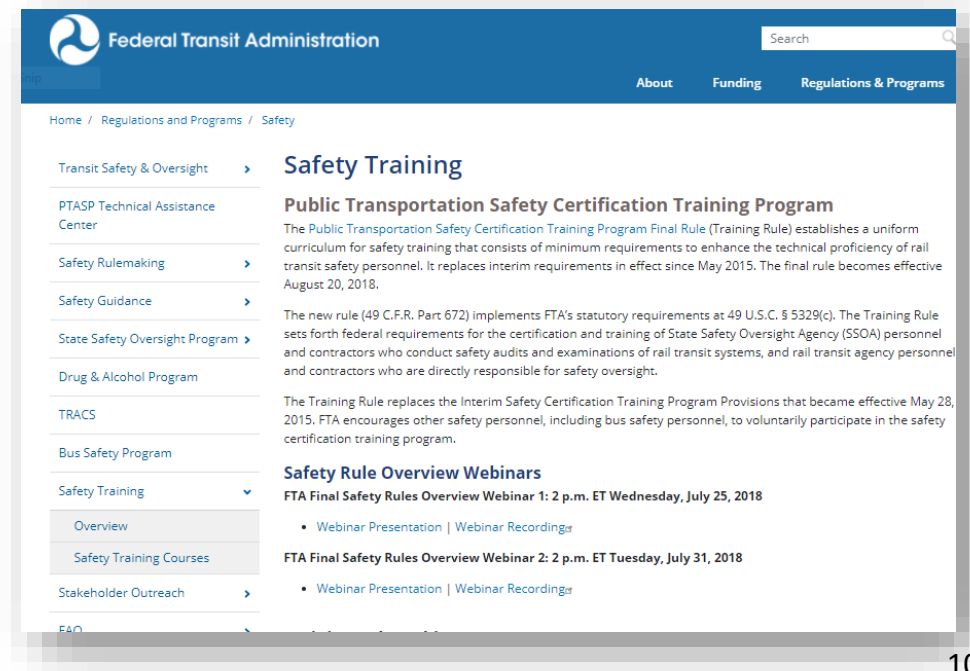https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/safety-training

FTA's Safety Training website provides resources on:

- Guidance on designating personnel

- Information on ITPs based on job category

- Information on enrollment and registration

- Equivalency credit request form

Questions: FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov

Call the TSO Main Number: 202-366-1783

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