

Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program

Individual Training Plan Components by Job Category

This document lists the minimum training required under the Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Final Rule (49 C.F.R. Part 672).

If you have any questions, please email FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov.

Mandatory Program	
Job Category	Required Courses
SSOA personnel and contractors who have been designated to conduct safety audits and examinations of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies 2. Transit Rail System Safety 3. Transit Rail Incident Investigation 4. SMS Awareness 5. SMS Safety Assurance 6. SMS Principles for Transit 7. SMS Principles for SSO Programs*
<p>Rail transit agencies employees who have been designated as directly responsible for safety oversight.</p> <p>At a minimum, designated personnel should include the Chief Safety Officer and the staff whose primary job function includes the development, implementation and review of the agency's safety plan, and/or the SSOA requirements for the rail fixed guideway public transportation system pursuant to 49 CFR Parts 659 or 674.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies 2. Transit Rail System Safety 3. Transit Rail Incident Investigation 4. SMS Awareness 5. SMS Safety Assurance 6. SMS Principles for Transit
<p>Timeframes and Refresher Training Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel that were designated under the Interim Safety Certification Training Program Provisions have three years from the effective date of the final rule to complete the initial training requirements under the final rule. • Personnel that are designated after the publication of the final rule have three years from the effective date of the final rule to complete the initial training requirements under the final rule. • After the completion of initial training, refresher training must be completed every two years. • Refresher training for SSOA personnel must include one hour of safety oversight training. 	
Voluntary Program	
<p>FTA offers a voluntary bus program for personnel that are not subject to the requirements of the rule. FTA encourages the following personnel to complete the voluntary training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus transit system personnel with direct safety oversight responsibility; and • State DOTs overseeing safety programs for sub-recipients of Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies 2. Transit Bus System Safety 3. Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation 4. SMS Awareness 5. SMS Safety Assurance 6. SMS Principles for Transit

Additional Information

FTA, Office of Safety and Oversight, Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Website
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/safety-training>

* SMS Principles for SSO Programs is under development. Participants will have 3 years to complete the course once it is available.