

Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Final Rule Fact Sheet



Overview

The Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program final rule establishes a uniform curriculum for safety training that consists of minimum requirements to enhance the technical proficiency of rail transit safety personnel. It replaces interim requirements in effect since May 2015.

The new rule is established at 49 C.F.R. Part 672 and implements the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) statutory requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5329(c).

Effective Date

The rule becomes effective on August 20, 2018.

To Whom Do the Rule's Training Requirements Apply?

The rule applies to:

1. State safety oversight agency personnel and contractors who have been designated to conduct safety audits and examinations of rail transit systems, and
2. Rail transit agency personnel and contractors who have been designated as directly responsible for safety oversight.

FTA encourages other safety personnel, including bus safety personnel, to participate voluntarily in the Safety Certification Training Program.

How Much Time Does a Participant Have to Complete the Required Courses?

Personnel and contractors who are required to participate in the Safety Certification Training Program must complete applicable training requirements within three years of their initial designation.

After the completion of initial training, participants must complete refresher training every two years.

If a required course is not yet available, participants will have three years from the course's date of availability to complete it.

State Safety Oversight Agencies and rail transit agencies are required to annually certify their compliance with the safety certification training requirements as part of FTA's procedures for annual grant Certification and Assurances.

What Is the Difference Between the Curriculum in the Final Rule and the Interim Provisions?

The Interim Provisions curriculum is incorporated into the final rule with the following changes:

- Allows participants to receive credit for equivalent non-FTA-sponsored training;
- Does not require the 36-hour Transit System Security (TSS) course; and
- Does not require the 2-hour Safety Management System (SMS) Gap course.

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For more information about the rule, please email FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov.

For questions about course offerings, individual training plans (ITPs), and to request credit for previous coursework and training, please email FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov.

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