



ROLLINGSTOCK ASSETS CIRCULAR

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Dear Member,

RTBU Succeeds in 2010 Health Standards (Category 2) Dispute.

Members will no doubt appreciate that the RTBU has been fighting for almost two years to ensure that members are not significantly disadvantaged by proposed changes to Health Standards requirements. This follows QR Passenger Rollingstock Management proposal to change Rail Safety category of Rollingstock Maintenance workers at Mayne to Safety Critical Worker (Category 2).

The RTBU disputed this proposal and have constantly argued that category 3 was the appropriate level for our members.

I am pleased to advise that on Monday at a Health Standards meeting the RTBU and Management finally reached agreement and members will not now have Category 2 forced upon them, but will be classed as Rail Safety Worker Category 3.

I wish to thank our Senior Mayne Delegate, Barry Monaghan, for his support in this matter, as well as the other Unions involved.

The Health Assessment for Category 3 comprises eyesight and hearing tests and an assessment to ensure safe mobility around the track. The Assessment's occur at time of commencement then at age 40 and 5 yearly thereafter, so Members may be required to undertake a Category 3 medical.

The RTBU is pleased that this matter has finally been resolved.

Yours in Unity,

Shayne Kummerfeld
Southern District Organiser.
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