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## **On Track Plant (OTP) Operators, Sentinel Competence Requirements**

As from the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 ALL operators of OTP, Must have in their possession when attending for work:

1. A Sentinel competence card for the type of rail mounted equipment and attachment being operated.
2. The secure counterpart that defines the type of equipment being operated.
3. A company specific card /permit to operate, that specifies the make and model of equipment and attachment they are competent to operate, and
4. An operator's log book duly recording recent experience of operating the specific equipment and attachment.

The Sentinel OTP competence scheme covers all powered "In Possession Only Rail Vehicles" and attachments which may be:

1. a Road Rail Vehicle (RRV),
2. a Rail Mounted Maintenance Machine (RMMM), these are brought to site and placed on the rails, or
3. A trailer or attachment being with used with any of the above.

Use of non-powered lifting accessories is covered within the excavator/crane operator competence.

**You are reminded that the CPCS road rail competency card or any other company OTP operator competency card become unacceptable on Network Rail Infrastructure as of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.**

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