



Rail Traffic Controller

Education and Training

Rail Traffic Controllers require up to six weeks of classroom and on-the-job training. Railway controllers who are train dispatchers require a Level "A" Certificate of the Canadian Rail Operating Rules.

Nature of Work

Rail Traffic Controllers (RTC's) are responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Railway within an assigned operating territory. RTC's ensure train delays are minimized in their operating territory through the application of effective planning, scheduling and queuing techniques. The RTC is also responsible for cost effective movement of trains and other on-track railroad equipment to optimize physical (trains) and human resource (crews) assets. Shift work is the norm.

Main Duties

- Provide control functions to ensure the safe movement of trains and other on-track railway equipment
- Minimize delays to all railroad traffic
- Communicate, interpret, and relay signals and other indications affecting train movements
- Coordinate train meets to optimize railroad performance
- On-going awareness of the operation of the railway; equipment and signals, car handling, operating manuals, computer applications, and collective agreements
- Assist in solving problems in their assigned territories
- Manage crews from home and away from home terminals
- Provide control functions to ensure safe movement of trains and other on-track railway equipment

Typical Employer

Large and small railways

Additional Information

SAIT

<http://www.sait.ca/pages/about/organization/departmentlistings/transportation/crtt/training.shtml>

Career on Track

www.irtcanada.net

Railway Association of Canada

www.railcan.ca

Teamsters Canada Rail Conference

www.teamstersrail.ca

Earnings

Low: \$61,000
Average: \$64,000
High: \$68,000

Essential Characteristics

- Attention to detail
- Work well under pressure
- Effective communication skills

