



**WESTERN ROUTE**

# **SECTIONAL APPENDIX**

**To the Working Timetables and  
Books of Rules and Regulations**

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## Briefing Notes

### **Re-issue of the Great Western Sectional Appendix**

The Sectional Appendix covering the Great Western was last updated in December 2003. This re-issue brings it up to date by capturing all the changes that have been carried in Periodical Operating Notices since that time and re-brands it to reflect the current Route name, Western.

This re-issue is also noteworthy because it incorporates a significant amount of work that Network Rail have undertaken since 2004 to remove inconsistencies in the style, layout and structure of all its Appendices and to align them more fully with the current route delivery structure.

### **Overview of changes to this Sectional Appendix**

Users of Great Western appendices in the past will notice some differences between this and previous versions. The most significant of these are in its structure, layout and style.

- **Structure**

The information within the Appendix is now found in two Modules:

Module WR1 Containing General Instructions, explanation of terms and symbols for the Table A diagrams and a list of locations within the Western Route

Module WR2 Containing Exceptional Poor Railhead Adhesion tables, Table A diagrams, Special Working Arrangements, Route Clearance tables and Local Instructions.

- **Layout and style**

The text and diagrams within this Appendix have been “re-styled” to give them a standard appearance and to provide clarity to the information they portray. For example:

- all Table A diagrams now have
- a “header bar” which clearly identifies the line of route being viewed and the associated Engineers Line Reference
- “signalling definition boxes” which serve to identify the salient operating data associated with the route on the page being viewed e.g. signalling type and Route Availability
- TPWS is now listed by exception i.e. where lines are not covered by it. The previous convention was to indicate lines that were. This change has been introduced because of the prevalence of TPWS across the Route at this time
- tables and instructions have been generated using standard templates, which has enhanced both their layout and readability
- each table and instruction is date stamped to clearly identify when it became effective from

In some areas of the Appendix the changes are quite noticeable but none of them impact upon the integrity or nature of the information within the document. All the information that was in the previous Appendix is in this one (albeit appropriately updated).

### **A National Electronic Sectional Appendix**

To coincide with the re-issue of this Appendix and to take advantage of advances in modern technology Network Rail are to make all of the Appendices available on line during 2006. In so doing a National Electronic Sectional Appendix (NESA) will become available to subscribers.

The NESA web site is accessible from both the Network Rail intranet and the internet. Users may elect to navigate from the Route maps provided or via the Line of Route diagrams. Alternatively they may search using locations, Line of Route codes or by using free text. All standard Sectional Appendix content can be viewed, regardless of Route, including General Instructions, Local Instructions and Route Clearance tables. Recent changes to the Sectional Appendix can also be viewed.

A key feature of the web site is the "Route Builder" facility, which gives users the ability to create reports tailored for any route they choose. Once created, a report similar in structure to the Route Appendix can be printed and/or saved by the user.

Arrangements for access to the NESA will be notified in both the Weekly and Periodical Operating Notices. Network Rail users will be able to access the service via the Portal. All other users will be required to register for access via the Network Rail external portal.

List of Modules

<u>Module</u>	<u>Title</u>
GW1	General Instructions and miscellaneous items
GW2	Exceptionally Poor Rail Adhesion
	Table A (Details of running lines)
	Special working arrangements
	Route Clearance
	Local Instructions

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