

# December 2020 Rule Book Changes

From December 2020, several changes have been made to the Handbooks & Rulebooks that make up GERT8000. Set out in the table below are a summary of the changes

Handbook	Section	Summary of Change
Handbook 1 - General duties and track Safety for workers	2.4	<b>Travelling in driving cabs</b> - This section has been expanded to include new arrangements that have been introduced for cab pass holders and drivers. A cab pass holder wishing to travel in the cab with the driver is to tell the driver the reason why this is necessary. If the cab pass indicates that the holder has a personal track safety competence but the holder does not have all the necessary equipment to go on or near the line, the driver must be told this when entering the cab. A cab pass holder wishing to travel in the cab of a freight train that contains high consequence dangerous goods must also have additional written permission from the train operating company to travel in the cab. A cab pass holder must check with the driver whether any mobile electronic devices require to be switched off before entering the cab.
	7.5	<b>*Emergency Addition*</b> "Flowing or pooling water that might affect structures or earthworks - You must immediately report any flowing or pooling water that might affect structures or earthworks to the signaller or Operations Control. Examples of this include; Water rising up from the track or the cess, unusual amounts of water pooling next to the track or the cess, water flowing down or pouring out of the sides of embankments or cuttings. You must tell the signaller or Operations Control if the water appears to be displacing any material.
	8.1	<b>*Emergency Addition*</b> <b>Additional hazard identified that may may put trains in danger added</b> - "Damage to structures or earthworks above or below the line"
Handbook 6 - General duties of an individual working alone (IWA)	2.5	<b>Crossing the line procedure</b> - This is a new section that describes this new procedure so far as an IWA is concerned
	3.2	<b>Before starting work that affects the safety of the line</b> - This section has been changed to include the site of work being within a PZ as an additional means of being able to consider a line as being blocked.
Handbook 7 - General duties of a controller of site safety (COSS)	2.3	<b>Crossing the line procedure</b> - This is a new section that describes this new procedure so far as an IWA is concerned
	3.3	<b>Before starting work</b> - This section has been changed to include the site of work being within a PZ as an additional means of being able to consider a line as being blocked.
	4.4	<b>Blocking the line</b> - This section has been changed to include the site of work being within a PZ as an additional means of being able to consider a line as being blocked.
Handbook 11 - Duties of the person in charge of the	4.2	<b>Taking possession around one or more engineering trains</b> - This section has been changed to allow the train concerned to be standing at a FTAP as an alternative to a signal or block marker.
	12.1	<b>Making sure the work is complete</b> - This section has been changed to allow a train to be standing within a work site when the work site is given up.
Handbook 12 - Duties of the engineering supervisor (ES) or safe work	3.2	<b>Setting up or extending the work site around one or more engineering trains</b> - This section has been changed to allow the train concerned to be standing at a FTAP as an alternative to a signal or block marker.
	10.3	<b>When every COSS or IWA no longer needs protection</b> - This section has been changed to allow a train to be standing within a work site when the work site is given up.
	11	<b>Protection zones</b> - This is a new section containing the rules that apply when an ES or SWL sets up a PZ.
Handbook 19 - Duties of the engineering supervisor (ES) or safe work leader (SWL) in a possession	1.5	<b>Using a Signal Engineering Work form (RT3187)</b> - This rule has been changed to include work within a PZ as another situation in which it is not necessary to complete Form RT3187.
Handbook 20 - General duties of a safe work leader (SWL) working outside a possession	2.3	<b>Crossing the line procedure</b> - This is a new section that describes this new procedure so far as an SWL is concerned.

The table below shows the most recent versions of the Handbooks and those highlighted in yellow have be re-issued for December 2020

Handbook	Title	Current Issue No.	Comes into force
Handbook 1	General duties and track Safety for workers	5	05/12/2020
Handbook 2	Instructions for track workers who use emergency protection equipment	2	05/12/2015
Handbook 3	Duties of the lookout and site warden	3	06/12/2014
Handbook 4	Duties of a points operator and route-setting agent - moving and securing points by hand	2	06/12/2014
Handbook 5	Handsignalling duties	2	03/12/2011
Handbook 6	General duties of an individual working alone (IWA)	6	05/12/2020
Handbook 7	General duties of a controller of site safety (COSS)	7	05/12/2020
Handbook 8	IWA, COSS or PC blocking a line	7	01/12/2018
Handbook 9	IWA or COSS setting up safe systems of work within possessions	7	07/12/2019
Handbook 9 ERTMS	IWA or COSS setting up safe systems of work within possessions on ERTMS lines where lineside signals are not provided	2	05/12/2015
Handbook 10	Duties of the COSS or SWL and person in charge when using a hand trolley	4	05/12/2015
Handbook 11	Duties of the person in charge of the possession (PICOP)	8	05/12/2020
Handbook 11 ERTMS	Duties of the person in charge of the possession (PICOP) on ERTMS lines where lineside signals are not provided	2	05/12/2015
Handbook 12	Duties of the engineering supervisor (ES) or safe work leader (SWL) in a possession	8	05/12/2020
Handbook 12 ERTMS	Duties of the engineering supervisor (ES) or safe work leader (SWL) in a possession on ERTMS lines where line side signals are not provided	2	05/12/2015
Handbook 13	Duties of the person in charge of the siding possession (PICOS)	2	06/12/2014
Handbook 14	Duties of the person in charge of loading and unloading rail vehicles during engineering work	2	07/06/2014
Handbook 15	Duties of the machine controller (MC) and on-track plant operator	5	02/12/2017
Handbook 15 ERTMS	Duties of the machine controller (MC) and on-track plant operator on ERTMS lines where lineside signals are not provided	3	02/12/2017
Handbook 16	AC electrified lines	4	01/12/2018
Handbook 17	DC electrified lines	3	05/12/2015
Handbook 18	Duties of a level crossing attendant	4	05/12/2015
Handbook 19	Duties of the engineering supervisor (ES) or safe work leader (SWL) in a possession	4	05/12/2020
Handbook 20	General duties of a safe work leader (SWL) working outside a possession	3	05/12/2020
Handbook 21	Safe work leader (SWL) blocking a line	4	01/12/2018