

June 2021 Rule Book Changes

From June 2021, 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	Travelling in driving cabs The following change was not correctly explained in the December 2020 Rule Book Briefing Leaflet and a correct explanation is now provided. A cab pass holder must check that they have any personal protective equipment their company policy requires if planning to leave the train somewhere other than a station platform.
	7.5	Flowing or pooling water that might affect structures or earthworks A new section 7.5 has been introduced that requires any unusual flows or pools of water that cause damage to be reported immediately to the signaller or Operations Control. If you see something wrong with a train The existing section 7.5 has been renumbered 7.6, but its contents are not changed. Overhead power lines The existing section 7.6 has been renumbered 7.7, but its contents are not changed.
	8.1	Hazards that might put trains in danger This section has been changed to include damage to structures or earthworks above or below the line in the list of hazards that might put approaching trains in danger.
Handbook 14 - Duties of the person in charge of loading and unloading rail vehicles during engineering work	10	Preparing vehicles for movement from engineering work sites This is a new section, containing the instructions that have previously been published as Section C5 of GORT3056 <i>Working Manual for Rail Staff - Freight Train Operations</i> .

The table below shows the most recent versions of the Handbooks and those highlighted in yellow have be re-issued for June 2021

Handbook	Title	Current Issue No.	Comes into force
Handbook 1	General duties and track Safety for workers	6	05/06/2021
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	3	05/06/2021
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