

Regional Driver Information – Cairns

Before you submit your application for this opportunity, please take a moment to read the information below to ensure you are comfortable with the expectations for a Regional Driver.

Uniforms – Supplied

- Long Pants, Shirts (blue - short/long sleeve button up shirt), safety boots (not shoes)
 - All uniforms to be ironed and worn in presentable manner
 - Wearing the Regional allocated uniform is mandatory as we do NOT allow polo shirts /shorts or non-safety shoes to be worn on services

Rostered shifts

- Regional is 24/7 business where we sign on at various hours of the day and night at various locations.
- Rostered shifts in Cairns are all daylight workings with some layover shifts where drivers stay in accommodation at Townsville and are away from Home Depot for more than 1 day / night
- Anyone with young families be aware you may not to get to spend same time with them as you would in SEQ due to laying over in foreign depots with some shifts being away from home for 2 days
- Layover shifts in foreign depots, drivers can and do sign on after eight hours off (not 12 hours between shifts as Home Depot)
- Drivers are called by roster at arranged time by the RTC to sign on for shifts (i.e. 60 mins call prior sign on), this call time can be different when in foreign depot
- Drivers are required to travel between locations by self-driving Queensland Rail supplied vehicles
- Cairns's depots can work 2 out of 3 weekends
 - Regional Drivers do NOT receive weekend penalty rates
- One long weekend every four (4) weeks as per TCA
- The master diagram has Available For Duty (AFD) allocated thought out, there are NO (AM / PM) AFD's as Drivers will be allocated vacant shifts as per TCA to fill the daily rosters so AFD does not mean a day off
- Regional do not normally use as required shifts however we use a standby shift where you MUST be available to sign on between the allocated standby time
- Whilst under tuition you will NOT work BLPs for tuition, however once signed off on various routes will be offered BLPs to drive services on the competent routes
- Whilst in training you will follow a BLP pattern with a training plan developed few weeks in advance
- Whilst in training you will have various tutors / mentor s teaching the routes as you will NOT follow a specific tutor / mentor
- There is an expectation to that you move into the community of your new Home Depot in the Cairns region
- Unfortunately, we encounter many Planned and Unplanned Disruptions that will require Drivers to move from diagram sign on to maintain continuity of services.
- Cairns is a self-sign on depot, your expectations are to arrive at rostered sign on, collect relevant information for rostered shift as well as follow the Code of Conduct. When rostered office / simulator the expectations are that you will be on the premises as per rostered shift those who require to leave the premises during the rostered shifts MUST gain approval from the DIC.
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Traction tuition

- Will be required to learn three (2) types of traction
 - Deisel Tilt Train (Cairns Tilt)
 - Deisel Electric Locomotive (KSR)

Route Tuition

- Will be required to learn routes
 - Cairns to Kuranda and Return
 - Cairns to Townsville and Return.
- Your first route trained will be Cairns to Kuranda. Once signed off and Summative.
- After successfully completing the summative assessment Drivers can be utilised to drive services on the assessed route whilst learning the other routes.
- Once you have been assessed and deemed competent on the major Travel Train routes within the depot (as above depot Routes) you will be allocated a link in the master diagram.

Leave

- All leave is to be submitted to the DIC for approval, roster will NOT approve leave without clarification from the DIC
- Cancelling of leave is also to be submitted via the DIC
- If you have approved leave in your previous home depot the leave will be cancelled. You will be required to reapply in your new depot with consideration of the existing leave caps and existing approved leave to ensure service delivery is achievable at your new depot.
- Those who have previous leave approved will have to discuss with the depot DIC to ascertain if the approved leave can be honoured, this is due to depot caps and training requirements.

Regional School

- During the initial Regional school stage, you **MUST** be available for the entire school, this will include traction, shunting, testing of trains etc as we do not have the luxury to have catch up days as tutors involved come in from all over the state to deliver the training.
- If you have approved leave in your previous home depot the leave will be cancelled.
- The Regional school will take place at a location to be determined, in the event the school is in a regional location travel and accommodation will be provided