

# DfT Rail Franchising Timetable - as at 01 July 2012

## KEY

	Existing rail franchises showing expected end date
	Indicates Initial Expiry Date (see note 5)

Franchise name	Train Operating Company (Owning Group)	Start	Note	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Later
Inter City West Coast	Virgin Trains (Virgin Rail Group)	Mar-97		Dec 2012									
Great Western	First Great Western (FirstGroup)	Apr-06	1	Apr 2013									
Essex Thameside	C2C (National Express)	May-96		May 2013									
Thameslink	First Capital Connect (FirstGroup)	Apr-06	1, 2	Sept 2013									
Integrated Kent	Southeastern (Govia)	Apr-06	1, 2		Mar 2014								
South Central	Southern (Govia)	Sep-09	1, 2, 6			July 2015							
Inter City East Coast	East Coast Main Line Company Limited	Nov-09	4		Dec 2013								
Northern	Northern (Serco-Abellio)	Dec-04	1, 3		April 2014								
Greater Anglia	Greater Anglia (Abellio)	Feb-12			July 2014								
Trans Pennine Express	First Keolis TransPennine Express (First Keolis)	Feb-04	3		Between 1 Apr 2014 and 1 Apr 2015								
East Midlands	East Midlands Trains (Stagecoach)	Nov-07	1, 5			Apr 2015							
West Midlands	London Midland (Govia)	Nov-07	1, 5			Sept 2015							
Cross Country	CrossCountry (Arriva)	Nov-07	1, 5				Mar 2016						
South West	South West Trains (Stagecoach)	Feb-07	1, 5				Feb 2017						
Chiltern	Chiltern Railways (DB Regio)	Mar-02	7										Dec 2021
Wales and Borders	Arriva Trains Wales (Arriva)	Dec-03	1, 8							Oct 2018			

## Notes:

- 1 Franchise Agreement includes the provision for an extension of up to 7 reporting periods (a reporting period is normally 4 weeks).
- 2 The new Thameslink franchise will include all services currently operated by First Capital Connect from Sept 2013; some services currently operated by Southeastern at a point between April and Dec 2014; and include all services operated by the current Southern Franchise from July 2015.
- 3 The Ministerial Statement on 5 August 2011 announced an extension incorporating the flexibility to terminate the TransPennine franchise between April 2014 and 1 April 2015. This could allow the start dates for the new Northern and TransPennine franchises to be aligned in April 2014. On May 1 2012 it was confirmed that the Northern Franchise will continue to April 2014, under the provisions for continuation in the franchise agreement (previously Sept 2013).
- 4 Operated by East Coast Main Line Company Limited and owned by Directly Operated Railways Ltd (a company established by Government) until a new franchise to operate services on the East Coast Main Line is let to the private sector.
- 5 The franchise end date is subject to performance criteria being met during a Continuation Review period. If the operator fails to meet defined performance criteria the Secretary of State may elect to let the franchise finish at its Initial Expiry Date.
- 6 July 2015 expiry date confirmed on 28 December 2011.
- 7 The Chiltern franchise agreement includes provision for extensions to the initial term up to the full franchise term, based upon successful implementation of agreed output plans. The Franchise Agreement includes the provision for the term to be further extended by mutual agreement by up to 5 years beyond Dec 2021.
- 8 Management of the franchise is devolved to the Welsh Government, but DfT is the procuring authority. Performance is reviewed against defined key criteria at the end of each ATW Performance Review Period to determine whether the Franchise Agreement is to continue. The next Performance Review Period ends on 31 March 2013. If ATW satisfies the key criteria the Franchise Agreement will continue to the franchise expiry date of 14 October 2018. The Franchise Agreement includes the provision for the term to be further extended by mutual agreement by up to 5 years beyond Oct 2018.