



**THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

JSN: 4381	Grade: Hourly	Union Affiliation: 0308
Position:	Combined Rail Operator	
Department:	Rail Operations	
Location:	Various	
Reports To:	Various	
Safety Sensitive:	FTA	Date: March 2011

POSITION SUMMARY

Performs the duties of various rail operation classifications.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

1	Must complete training and qualify for the following rail operation classifications: Flagman, Customer Assistant, Operator, Switchman and Towerman.
2	Performs the duties of Flagman, Operator, Switchman/Yard Leader, Towerman, Customer Assistant or Courier depending upon qualification, job availability and seniority.
3	The Authority may, as needs dictate, randomly select certain employees during operator training that will qualify as Towerman or Yard Leader as an additional classification.
4	Newly hired employees start as a Rapid Transit Operator. Duties include, but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Operates trains safely and at indicated speeds, observing and obeying all electronic, mechanical, hand and train-controlled signals, as well as other regulator signs and signaling devices.Adheres to schedules and operates door controls, allowing passengers to board, travel and alight at station stops in a safe and efficient manner.Assists passengers who request use of a gapfiller.Makes appropriate announcements over train public address systems.Puts-out/lays-up trains and performs necessary inspections.
5	Performs other duties as assigned.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to this position are the following jobs:

Job Title
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CHALLENGES

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EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Must possess a High School diploma or GED equivalent.
- Required to submit to and pass drug and alcohol testing as mandated by the Federal Transportation Administration.
- Must complete training and qualify for the following rail operation classification: Flagman, Customer Assistant, Operator, and Switchman/Yard Leader and Towerman.
- All applicants must have a valid driver's license.
- All applicants must include a "Court Purposes Driving Abstract" with their resume to be considered for the position.
- All applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be able to climb into rail cars from track level; to drop or hook chains; end sills, etc. and balance while coupling/uncoupling trains; walking through yards.
- Prepare trains for service.
- May be required to stand for extended periods of time.
- Must be able to work on elevated structure, subways and grade level cross-over.
- Must be able to manually operate track switches.
- Must be able to see in color to observe signals of different colors.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

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WORKING CONDITIONS

- Works around energized 3rd Rail.
- Usual rail yard, right-of-way and shop facility in all weather conditions.

EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND MATERIALS UTILIZED

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