

Overrun of limit of authority

Purpose

To prescribe the rules for dealing with an overrun of limit of authority in the MTS Network.

Principle

A movement overruns its limit of authority if, without authority, it:

- passes a signal at **STOP**, or
- passes a sign that shows a limit of authority, or
- enters a block without the correct authority.

Responding to overrun of limit of authority

The Traffic Controller must:

- stop rail traffic that has overrun its limit of authority and has not stopped, and
- stop and prevent other movements that are at risk, and
- tell affected Rail Traffic Operators to wait further instructions, and
- determine the method of working to be used to move the rail traffic, and
- assess if the Rail Traffic Operator is fit to continue the journey, and
- record details of the incident in permanent form.

If the movement that has overrun the limit of authority is to continue, the movement must be authorised by the Traffic Controller.

Rail Traffic Operators who find they have overrun a limit of authority must immediately:

- stop their rail traffic, and
- tell the Traffic Controller.

Procedures

Nil

Effective date

28 April 2025