

# Authorising rail traffic to pass signals at STOP

## Introduction

Rail Traffic Operators and Traffic Controllers use a specific form of words to make sure that Rail Traffic Operators get and understand the authority to pass a signal at **STOP**.

## Passing a signal at STOP

### ***Rail Traffic Operator***

1. Give the Traffic Controller:
  - the identification of the train or track vehicle, and
  - the signal number, location or designation.

### ***Traffic Controller***

2. Give the Rail Traffic Operator authority to pass the signal at **STOP** in accordance with *MSG 608 Passing signals at STOP*.
3. Say:

*“Rail Traffic Operator of (train number or track vehicle number), this is Traffic Controller at (your location).*

*You are authorised to pass signal (signal number), and to proceed to (name of location).”*
4. Give the Rail Traffic Operator additional instructions and information about the condition of the block ahead, as necessary.

### ***Rail Traffic Operator***

5. Say:

*“Traffic Controller at (location), this is Rail Traffic Operator of (train number or track vehicle number).*

*I am authorised to pass signal (signal number), and to proceed to (name of location).”*

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6. Repeat the Traffic Controllers additional instructions back to the Traffic Controller.

### ***Traffic Controller***

Acknowledge that the Rail Traffic Operator has repeated the authority and the instructions correctly.

### ***Rail Traffic Operator***

7. Wait for the Traffic Controller's acknowledgement that the authority and the instructions have been repeated correctly.

### Examples

In the following example, the Train Operator of train 1201 is authorised by the Traffic Controller at TC-1 to pass signal SI\_7109 at **STOP** and instructed to report the condition of the block.

Train Operator of 1201	"Traffic Controller, this is Train Operator of train 1201, I am standing at signal Sierra India 7109, which is at <b>STOP</b> ."
Traffic Controller at TC-1	"Train Operator of train 1201, this is Traffic Controller at TC-1.  The last train to enter the block was 1102, and is now stabled on 16 road in the Depot.  You are authorised to pass signal Sierra India 7109 and proceed to the next signal.  Obey that signal indication and report the condition of the block.  Read back the authorisation."
Train Operator of 1201	"Traffic Controller at TC-1, train 1201 is authorised to pass signal Sierra India 7109.  I am to proceed to the next signal, obey the signal indication, and report the condition of the block."
Traffic Controller at TC-1	"Train Operator of train 1201, correct."

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In the following example, the Train Operator of train 1201 is given information about what is known about the condition of the block at the time and authorised to pass signal SI\_7109.

Train Operator of 1201	“Traffic Controller at TC-1, this is Train Operator of train 1201. I am standing at signal Sierra India 7109, which is at <b>STOP</b> .”
Traffic Controller at TC-1	<p>“Train Operator of train 1201, this is Traffic Controller at TC-1.</p> <p>The last train to enter the block was 1102, which is now stabled on 16 road in the Depot.</p> <p>The line ahead has been reported clear. You are authorised to pass signal Sierra India 7109.</p> <p>Proceed to the next signal and obey the next signal indication.</p> <p>Read back the authorisation.”</p>
Train Operator of 1201	<p>“Traffic Controller at TC-1, train 1201 is authorised to pass signal Sierra India 7109.</p> <p>I am to proceed to the next signal and obey the next signal indication.”</p>
Traffic Controller at TC-1	“Train Operator of train 1201, correct.”

### Procedures

MPR 721 *Spoken and written communication.*

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