

# Become a Volunteer at



**What duties can volunteers at the RMR carry out?**

**How old must volunteers be?**

**I would like to be an engine driver. Could I do this straight away?**

**Are there volunteer opportunities other than for railway operators?**

**Why volunteer at Rhyll Miniature Railway?**

**When do volunteer activities take place?**

**If I volunteer can I come and go as I please?**

**I would like to volunteer, who do I contact and what happens next?**

Almost all functions of the railway are carried out by volunteers, from Trustees of our charitable Trust, to engine drivers, guards and administrators.

We do not have any opportunities for new volunteers under the age of 18.

There is no maximum age but there are medical fitness criteria for safety critical railway duties.

All our personnel undertaking safety critical railway duties must first undertake training and assessment procedures required by our safety regulator – details are shown on page two.

For volunteers showing aptitude and commitment, we can soon provide the experience and training to obtain the skills required for railway operating.

Yes there are; we would particularly like to hear from potential volunteers who would enjoy engaging with visitors in our museum or shop.

We would also like to enlarge our engineering team who restore the trains and keep them running.

We encourage a friendly atmosphere at the RMR as we have found that happy staff lead to happy visitors. We also offer our volunteers unlimited supplies of tea and coffee.

During the railway operating season we are present on the days shown on our timetable. Out of season we are often present on at least one day in every weekend.

We welcome volunteer support at any time. However, if we know when you intend to come and what you would like to do, that gives us a better chance to schedule a rewarding volunteer experience for you. We normally plan railway operating duties in whole days from 10am to 5pm.

Please contact us at Central Station or use the contact page on our website. On arrival we will ask you to fill out a form and we will provide induction.

If you wish to undertake safety critical duties you must wear safety footwear, which we will help to provide if necessary.



## COMPETENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, JANUARY 2015

New volunteer

Induction form & Volunteer agreement  
Medical self certification form

Training sheet, Trackside safety  
Training sheet, Workshop induction

Test A. 5 question Pass mark 4

Trackside & Workshop friendly

Minimum age 16  
Issue of personal rule book

Training sheet, air brakes  
Practical training, guard

Test B. Guard's rule book examination, 50 questions, open book, pass mark 80%

Test C. Guard's and air brakes written test, 10 questions, pass mark 8

Test D. Guard's practical examination (drivers from 2014 may omit this and go direct to below)

Qualified Guard

Minimum age 17

RMR doctor's medical assessment for locomotive drivers  
Under 50 medical every 10 years, age 67 and over medical every year

Practical training, Diesel driver Clara  
Practical training, tramcar and Lister, as required

Test E. Driver's additional rule book examination, 25 questions, open book, pass mark 80%

Test F. Diesel/electric traction theory examination, 15 questions, pass mark 80%

Test G. Practical examination, Diesel driver Clara

Test H. Practical examination, tramcar and Lister, as required

Qualified Diesel driver

Minimum age 17

Practical training, Steam driver Joan / Michael  
Practical training, Cagney, as required

Test J. Steam traction theory written examination, 30 questions, pass mark 80%

Test K. Practical assessment, Steam driver Joan / Michael

Test L. Practical assessment, Cagney, as required

Qualified Steam driver

Practical training, Controller

Test M. Written examination, Controller

Qualified Controller

Age Requirements, Forms

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Training

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Competence tests

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Qualifications