

Notice to Rail Transport Operators

Safety Alert



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1 Subject

Fraudulent rail safety worker competencies

2 Issue

The Rail Industry Worker (RIW) program is an online competency management system for rail workers in the Australian rail industry. Part of the governance arrangements overseeing the program is to check and verify the competencies that have been uploaded into the RIW system.

This check and verification process has uncovered a significant number of fraudulent competencies have been uploaded into the RIW system by an administration officer in the **Category 5** labour hire company.

Once this issue was identified, all workers who had competencies uploaded into the system by the individual administration officer were “blocked” until all competencies could be verified back to the source at the original training provider.

This alert is to advise all rail transport operators to check if any workers from the Category 5 labour hire company have worked on your infrastructure since 1 February 2021. If so, it is suggested you verify the competencies of any such workers are valid and take appropriate action if anomalies are discovered.

This advice is effective immediately

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