



<p><b>What is the RSDP &amp; what does it involve?</b></p>	<p>The PTA has developed the Rail Systems Development Program (RSDP) to ensure we have the workforce required (both now and in the future) for both Signal Technicians and Communication Technician roles. The RSDP Signals stream is delivered through a partnership between Signals and Learning &amp; Organisational Development branches of the PTA. The RSDP operates as two separate program streams: RSDP – Signals and RSDP – Communications.</p> <p>Over the course of the RSDP – Signals stream, apprentices work on various Signals Systems across our Perth metropolitan rail network whilst also undertaking training relevant to Signals fields.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the Program, apprentices receive a nationally recognised trade qualification (Certificate III). Apprentices may also be eligible for fixed term or permanent appointment as a Signal Technician.</p> <p>Training will be delivered in-house and/or on-the-job, with the PTA sourcing external provided training as required for specialised units.</p>
<p><b>What if I've already done some of the training required?</b></p>	<p>In the event that you have already undertaken some of the training required in the RSDP (e.g. through your previous experience), the PTA will assess this and where appropriate, include this as credit towards completion of your RSDP training. This may also result in you completing the RSDP in a shorter timeframe.</p>
<p><b>Will I receive any formal qualifications?</b></p>	<p>At the conclusion of the RSDP Signals stream, it is envisaged that participants will receive the following qualifications and skill sets:</p> <p><b><u>Stream 1: RSDP – Signals</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cert II Rail Infrastructure;</li> <li>• Cert III Electrical Fitting (Trade and Electrical Licence – Electrical Fitting Work Only); and</li> <li>• Additional capabilities assessed through the PTA's Signal Technicians Competency Framework.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Am I eligible to apply?</b></p>	<p>Refer to the Special Appointment Requirements listed on the <i>Rail Systems Technician Apprentice</i> Job Description Form (JDF).</p>
<p><b>What conditions of employment will I be entitled to?</b></p>	<p>Whilst on the RSDP, you will be subject to the employment conditions (including leave, hours of work etc.) applicable to an Apprentice Signals Technician (licensed) under the <i>Public Transport Authority Railway Employee (Trades) Industrial Agreement 2024</i>.</p>



<b>What rate of pay will I receive?</b>	Whilst undertaking the RSDP, you will be entitled to the rate of pay applicable to an Apprentice Signals Technician (licensed) under the <i>Public Transport Authority Railway Employee (Trades) Industrial Agreement 2024</i> . The Ordinary Weekly Wage Rates for this Apprentice position are listed below.				
	Effective Date	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
	07 July 2026	\$1400.90	\$1629.59	\$1858.27	\$2201.30
<b>What rate will I receive if I work overtime?</b>	Any overtime worked will be calculated as per the <i>Public Transport Authority Railway Employee (Trades) Industrial Agreement 2024</i> .				
<b>What will be my hours of work?</b>	<p>Whilst on the RSDP, you will be employed on a 76-hour fortnight (full time) basis.</p> <p>Overtime may be a requirement for this position and there may be a requirement to work additional hours on a regular basis after hours on weekdays and on weekends. You <u>may</u> also be periodically rostered 'on call' and may be asked to attend call outs on any day of the week, and at any time of the day or night.</p>				
<b>What tools/equipment will I need?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the commencement of the RSDP, the PTA will provide participants with a set of hand tools for use on the Program. It is important to note that these tools will remain with the participant but are the property of the PTA. Should the participant leave the respective PTA Branch who issued these tools, then the participant must return these tools upon their departure.</li> <li>Participants are entitled to loan a PTA laptop to assist with their studies. Upon completion of the RSDP, laptops are to be returned to the PTA IT department.</li> </ul>				
<b>Where will I be working?</b>	During your placement on the RSDP, you may be allocated to any PTA based location within the Perth public transport area on a temporary or permanent basis.				
<b>What happens to me at the end of the RSDP?</b>	Upon successful completion of the Program, you may be permanently and substantively appointed or held 'above establishment' to a Signal Technician position.				