



# Who We Are & How We Regulate

# Who We Are

The CRR is the independent public sector body which reports to the Minister of Transport. We are established under the Railway Safety Act 2005 and have responsibility for the oversight of safety on Ireland's railways.

The CRR is a small public body made up of a number of Engineers (Inspectors) and Administrators.

We are the National Safety Authority with responsibility for the safety certification of railway organisations, authorisation of the infrastructure manager, supervision and enforcement of compliance with safety management systems, the authorisation for placing in service new or significantly altered infrastructure and railway vehicles.

We are also the regulator of heavy rail as part of the European Single Rail Area to ensure non-discriminatory access to the heavy rail market within the State. We do this by acting as the Regulatory Body, Licensing Authority and the Independent Monitoring Body.

# Principal Functions

Our principal functions under the 2005 Act are to:

- foster and encourage railway safety,
- enforce the legislation relating to railway safety and,
- investigate and report on railway incidents for the purposes of determining compliance with safety management systems and safety targets.

## How We Regulate

### Assessment and authorisation

As the National Safety Authority, we ensure that all railway organisations operating have a safety management system that has been assessed and approved by either the CRR or the European Railway Agency, and that any new infrastructure or rolling stock is authorised to be placed in service.

The CRR also licence railway undertakings, issues train driver licenses and recognises training and examination centres in Ireland.

# Supervision

Supervision is the on-going assessment of a railway organisation's safety management system to ensure compliance with relevant Irish law and EU regulations.

Forms of engagement to assess compliance include meetings, audits, inspections, post occurrence activities and examination of representations received from the public.

Supervision is carried out by CRR Inspectors who are warranted and are given the necessary powers, including those that allow access, the gathering of information by questioning Railway Organisation staff, requesting records or the taking of measurements, photographs or videos as deemed appropriate.

Attendance by an Inspector can be announced or unannounced.





# Areas We Regulate

## Heavy Rail

- Iarnród Éireann - Infrastructure Manager
- Iarnród Éireann – Railway Undertaking
- Rhomberg Sersa Ireland Limited
- Northern Ireland Railways Translink

## Light Rail

- Transdev (LUAS operator)
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland

## Heritage/Other

- Bord na Móna
- Railway Preservation Society of Ireland
- Heritage (multiple) Railways



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