

Frequently Asked Questions updated 27 May 2022

Is standard "019" being withdrawn?	NO. It is only the Level 3 019-IP (NR/L3/OHS/019-IP) standard under consultation to be withdrawn. After this consultation the Level 3 standard will be withdrawn, and everyone will follow the Level 2 (NR/L2/OHS/019) standard.
Can you confirm the proposed date or timescale for withdrawal of the NR/L3/OHS/019-IP standard?	The aim is to have a compliance date of December 2022 along with it being removed from the Rule Book. We aim to publish the change by September.
Why not an immediate withdrawal?	There are many works, and possessions that any immediate change would import confusion and add risk to the task. An agreed future compliance date allows for planning, competence level, and safe system of works to be correct.
Are Sentinel aware?	Yes. The Sentinel team are updating systems with expiry dates to the new date and have been in communication with training providers. The Sentinel helpdesk team are also aware of changes.
What competencies are included?	SWL1, SWL2 and SWM including those with a grace period have been extended.
My SWL /SWM competence is due to expire. What should I do?	Your SWL/SWM competence expiry date will automatically be extended.
My competence is in a period "of grace" what happens now?	Competencies in the system within their 8-week period of grace are also included – and have been extended.
Have the supply chain been involved?	Yes. These include, The Industry Safety Leadership Group (ISLG) Track Safety Alliance (TSA) have been consulted and are in full agreement.
What happens after compliance date?	After compliance date all SWL and SWM competences will be removed, and safe systems of work will need to be compliant with all applicable standards.
Does this affect Network Rail staff?	Any holding SWL and SWM competences are included. The NR/L3/OHS/019-IP standard being removed is only applicable to those on Capital Delivery worksites.

