



IS A CAREER IN RAIL RIGHT FOR YOU?

People who work in railway operations are disciplined and work long hours. Do you have what it takes for a career in one of Canada's most important industries? Take the quiz below to find out.

1. Are you in good physical shape, and do you enjoy working in physically demanding roles? Yes No
2. Are you prepared to work shifts, including evenings, nights, weekends and holidays? Yes No
3. Do you apply precision and discipline to everything that you do? Yes No
4. Are you able to deal with stressful situations in a calm and constructive manner? Yes No
5. Do you take pride in your work, and try to do your personal best when carrying out a task? Yes No
6. When making plans, do you think ahead about the possible obstacles that you may encounter and how you can deal with them? Yes No
7. When making a decision, do you consider your options and weigh the pros and cons? Yes No
8. Do you hold yourself accountable and expect to be held accountable for your actions? Yes No
9. Do you like learning new things and being in an environment where you are expected to continuously learn? Yes No
10. Are you fine with not knowing your work schedule in advance, and sometimes having minimal time in between shifts? Yes No
11. Do you make safety your top priority and avoid unnecessary risks? Yes No
12. Are you comfortable working outdoors for the majority of your shift in all types of weather conditions? Yes No
13. Do you have the self-confidence to be assertive when the situation demands it? Yes No
14. Are you ok being on-call any hour of the day or night? Yes No
15. Are you comfortable having to leave whatever you are doing to come to work with two hours' notice, seven days a week? Yes No
16. Are you comfortable travelling regularly for work and spending several days away at a time? Yes No
17. Do you understand that railroading requires precision and that mistakes, no matter how minor, need to be avoided because they can put you or your co-workers at risk of serious injury? Yes No
18. Are you comfortable following directives and do you understand that compliance with rules is mandatory? Yes No
19. Are you comfortable working at heights — climbing on and off large equipment — and around moving heavy machinery? Yes No
20. Do you welcome the opportunity to be part of a team and a great industry? Yes No

If you're interested in working in the railway industry, you should be able to answer "Yes" to each of the questions above. If you answered "No" to any of these questions, consider speaking with an instructor from the *Railway Conductor Program* about whether working in the industry would be a good fit for you.

