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How to manage deviations to Network Rail and Railway Group Standards

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1 Introduction

In the context of Network Rail and Railway Group Standards, a deviation is defined as “a departure or alternative approach” from the originally specified requirement.

On occasions, parts of Network Rail might need to deviate from the requirements in Network Rail standards or Railway Group Standards. Where this is the case, the non-compliance database is the tool that Network Rail uses to record and approve applications for deviations.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this module is to provide a structured approach to the management of deviations from Network Rail standards and Railway Group Standards.

3 Scope

This module of NR/L2/EBM/STP001 specifies the process for:

- 1) managing deviations for both Network Rail standards and Railway Group Standards (RGS); and
- 2) approving delegated authority to manage deviations for Network Rail standards on behalf of the Standard Owner.

Deviations to Network Rail standards that are identified and closed within 14 days do not need to be entered into the Network Rail non-compliance database and are not within the scope of this standard.

4 Roles and responsibilities

Nominated Representative

Person(s) nominated to review non-compliance applications.

Person with Delegated Authority

Person(s) who have delegated authority from the Standard Owner to review and/or approve applications for deviations from standards requirements.

Standard Owners

Standard Owners specify requirements against which delivery is achieved.

Standard Owners review and confirm actions on applications for deviations from standards requirements in their area of responsibility.