

Scotrail launch drive for 100 new drivers



ScotRail today launched an unprecedented nationwide recruitment drive that will create up to 100 new train driver jobs and offer a major boost to rail services throughout Scotland.

[The Edinburgh Reporter NEWS Scotrail recruiting 100 new drivers](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Recruiting trainee train drivers at depots across the country will support ScotRail's plans to expand timetables and roll out faster, bigger and greener trains.

Drivers are needed at locations including Aberdeen, Ayr, Bathgate, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Gourock, Helensburgh, Inverness, Perth, Stirling and Tweedbank.

Phil Verster, ScotRail Alliance managing director, said: "We're investing in Scotland's railways by modernising trains, expanding timetables and adding journey options – and recruiting a large group of new drivers is vital to make these improvements possible.

"We are proud to be supporting local communities and the Scottish economy by creating quality jobs that will make a real impact for customers.

"It is an exciting chance for people to embark on an interesting career with great prospects – while also playing an important part in the transformation of Scotland's railway."

ScotRail wants to hear from enthusiastic, reliable candidates

with excellent attention spans, experience of safety-critical roles and a passion for customer service.

Trainee drivers will be paid £24,559 during their first year of intensive training, gradually increasing to £43,212 following a probationary period.



Mr Verster and Transport Minister Derek Mackay today met some of the company's existing trainee drivers, who are currently undergoing the rigorous qualification process in Edinburgh.

Mr Mackay said: "The Scottish Government is investing record levels in Scotland's railways with a £5 billion package to upgrade trains, track and services across the country.

"Key investment in infrastructure, such as the recent historic reopening of the Borders Railway and our substantial programme of electrification, are only part of the story.

"The staff who keep our railways running are a key asset and I

am delighted to launch this unprecedented, nationwide recruitment drive that will create up to 100 new train driver jobs.

“This recruitment campaign will support the delivery of Scottish jobs in the industry and means that we are able to continue to operate a world-class railway in the future.”

Kevin Lindsay, Scottish secretary of Aslef trade union, said: “Aslef welcomes the announcement of over 100 train driver job on ScotRail.

“This is a great opportunity for all sections of our community to apply to join the railway.

“As a union, we look forward to continuing our good working relationship with the Scottish Government and Abellio as we jointly develop and deliver Scotland’s railways.”

Anyone interested in the positions should apply via scotrail.co.uk/careers.