

Scotrail offering jobseekers free travel

Jobseekers are being set on the right track by The ScotRail Alliance with the offer of free travel.

The offer includes:

- Two free return journeys a month for jobseekers attending an interview
- A free ScotRail travel ticket for the first month of a person's return to work

Alex Hynes, Scotrail Alliance Managing Director explained that by supporting people back into work, the ScotRail Alliance is helping to grow Scotland's economy.



(L-R) Janette Anderson, Alex Hynes, Judi McLaughlin and Graeme McFarlan at the launch of the Scotrail scheme to launch job applicants back into work with free travel.

Jobseekers are also able to take advantage of the Jobcentre Plus Travel Discount Card – a UK government initiative which allows those who are unemployed and claiming Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit to receive a 50% discount on selected rail tickets.

Mr Hynes said: "We're building the best railway Scotland has ever had, and part of that is helping to grow the economy and create a fairer country by setting people on the fast-track to work."

“For people out of work, the cost of travelling to an interview can often be a barrier to returning to work.

“By removing that barrier and providing help with the cost, we hope to be able to support people into work and grow Scotland’s economy.

“The support we offer to jobseekers is one of the ScotRail Alliance’s best kept secrets – but I want as many people as possible to know about this opportunity.”

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Employability and Training, said: “The ScotRail franchise is about much more than delivering a rail service – it acts as an enabler for growth by helping people access education, employment and leisure opportunities across the country.

“This offer to jobseekers does exactly that by making attending interviews and starting work more affordable.”