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### 1.2 On or near the line

#### **Explanation of change**

To clarify that the nearest rail is part of the nearest railway line.

Section 1.2 has been amended and should read as follows:

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### 1.2 On or near the line

You are on or near the line if you are:

- within 3 metres of the nearest rail of any line
- on the line itself.

You are not on or near the line if you are on the other side of a permanent fence or structure, even if it is less than 3 metres from the nearest rail.

If you are on a station platform, the only situation where you are considered as being on or near the line is when you:

- are within 1.25 metres of the platform edge, **and**
- are carrying out engineering or technical work (for example, painting white lines) on the platform within that distance.

Special arrangements must be put into place on platforms where the line speed is more than 125 mph.

You are not on or near the line if you are crossing the line at a level crossing.

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### **8.2 Lines electrified by the DC conductor rail system**

#### **b) Dangers of conductor rails**

##### **Explanation of change**

The introduction of new Rule Book module DC revealed that the item in that module concerning personal safety around conductor rails contained some differences from the similar item in module G2. The G2 item has now been revised so that the two items more closely match each other.

Section 8.2 b) has been amended and should read as follows:

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### 8.2 Lines electrified by the DC conductor rail system

#### b) Dangers of conductor rails

You must not go on or near a line with conductor rails unless you are competent in PTS for DC lines and your PTS certificate is endorsed to show this. However, you may go on or near the line if you have been briefed on how to:

- get the electricity switched off in an emergency
- carry out electric shock rescue.

When you are on or near the line, you must:

- always consider the conductor rails (coloured red in diagram G2.5) to be live at all times and extremely dangerous to life
- whenever you can, cross the line at a gap in the conductor rail or where protective boarding is provided
- not step on or touch the conductor rails
- not allow clothing, tools, equipment or any object you are carrying to touch the conductor rails or its connections unless the tool or object is intended for this purpose
- not step between the conductor rail and the adjacent running rail
- not touch the collector shoes on any train whether or not the collector shoes are touching the conductor rails
- not step into flood water which may be in contact with the conductor rail
- not direct a jet of water or other liquid onto the conductor rails.