

Taster Driver Experience – Terms & Conditions

Note: This experience is not available to persons with disabilities affecting mobility as ELR is unable to create and maintain a safe environment for this activity to take place for those with mobility impairments.

Participants must:

- Disclose any medical and / or mental health conditions and treatment / medication that may affect mobility, concentration, dexterity, coordination, consciousness and ability to understand and follow instructions.
- Be physically fit and aged 18 years or over at the time of the experience.
- Be able:
 - In the event of an emergency evacuation to climb on / off the locomotive from the ground floor level unaided, this maybe up to 3 metres (10 feet) vertical climb with steps at up to 0.6M (2 feet) spacing.
 - To cope with discomfort, variable temperatures weather and lighting, heights (viaducts and bridges), darkness (tunnels), noise and vibration.
 - To read (with glasses or contact lenses, if necessary) a car number plate from a distance of 20 metres.
 - To hear and understand verbal instructions in noisy surroundings.

The Taster Driver Experience may not be suitable for those with some disabilities, particularly, where these affect mobility, concentration, dexterity, co-ordination and ability to understand and follow instructions.

Hazards To Be Aware Of (Locomotives)

Locomotives cabs and footplate are a hot and noisy environment. Many of the fixtures and fittings are very hot. There may be minor steam and oil leaks, and there is limited space to maintain a safe distance from hot surfaces, so this experience will only be available to one participant at a time and no additional guests will be permitted due to the limited room on-board.

Clothing & footwear

Participants must wear stout shoes or boots (safety shoes / boots) and avoid wearing polyester or nylon trousers. Gloves may be provided to participants to wear in the cab or on the footplate. Please note: locomotive cabs can be dirty environments, so it is advised not to wear your best clothes.

Alcohol & Drugs

Participants and guests must not attend under the influence of alcohol or any drugs which may affect vigilance, stability, awareness, whether medically prescribed or not, or consume before undertaking a taster driver experience course. ELR staff will refuse access to participants if they feel that a participant is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Mobile Phones / Photographic Equipment

When the locomotive is in motion, participants are prohibited from using mobile telephones, interactive mobile devices and photographic equipment whilst driving or firing. Opportunities for photographs on the footplate are available once the locomotive has come to a stand and secured by the crew.