



For the attention of:

Staff groups	Drivers	DTMs	Ops. Training	Control	TRMs	Fleet	Ops. Standards	CE	Stations / Dispatchers	Relevance ratings
Relevance Ratings	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	3 = Critical/must be acted upon 2 = Need to know 1 = Information only 0 = Not relevant

Route Knowledge for IFD EMUD

Please note that effective immediately only Drivers from the following depots can be booked to driving turns which contain work into or out of Ilford EMUD:

- Ilford
- Gidea Park
- Shenfield

Drivers from all other depots **MUST NOT** operate trains into or out of Ilford EMUD without a Conductor Driver present.

You may still be asked to cover part of a driving turn on the day (within existing agreements), however you cannot operate trains into or out of the Ilford EMUD and other arrangements will need to be made if that is required i.e. the train may be diverted to another location or another Driver provided for that portion of the turn.

Q: Why has this instruction been issued?

A: Route knowledge for Ilford EMUD has previously been removed from Maidenhead, Old Oak Common, Plumstead and Abbey Wood depots, however it has come to our attention that there is some confusion around whether or not a Driver at one of these depots can continue to operate over the route. As there are no current programs in place to monitor or maintain Drivers route knowledge into or out of Ilford EMUD all Drivers at these depots are classed as ‘no longer competent’ over this line of route.

Q: What if this is still on my counterpart licence / Assure? Doesn't that mean I still sign the route?

A: No. As we have not put in place a structured package to allow Drivers to retain this route we cannot class individuals as competent. If your counterpart licence / Assure still shows Ilford EMUD (or any other route you believe could be out of date) please speak with your DTM so a new counterpart can be issued where appropriate and your Assure profile updated.

Q: I thought I could maintain a route so long as I had been over it at least once in 24 weeks? So, if I have been over there why can't I retain it?

A: Technically it is true to say that so long as you have operated over a line of route at least once in any 24 week period that you can retain a route; however, we have not established any form of release or monitoring to facilitate this. There was never any intention for this to be retained by Drivers at depots where it had been removed from work, and as such this has formally been removed from all affected Drivers routes competency records.