

Part 243 - Training, Qualification, and Oversight for Safety-Related Railroad Employees

Common Questions:

What is Part 243? Minimum training standards on FRA regulations that Safety-Related Railroad Employees (SRRE) and Contractors apply in day-to-day duties.

What training is required to work on a railroad? It depends on what the employees do for day-to-day duties. Look at definition of SRRE.

Why is the railroad requiring this? Railroads are required to verify contractor employees are trained and qualified for the duties they perform.

FRA established a secure web portal for the submission of programs under 49 CFR Part 243. All organizations, including small entities, should use the secure web portal to facilitate faster processing and to ensure that the required information is contained in the submission. New and existing users to the web portal may register and access the Web portal at:

<https://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/Part243/>.

(In the link below) The Compliance Guide has more information on the web portal and submission for your review.

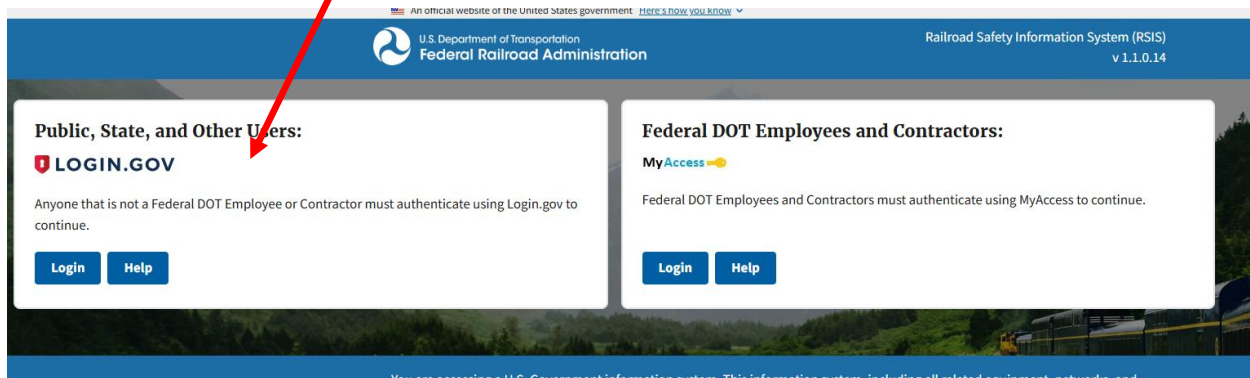
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There is a ton of useful information on this site, including a job aid for Periodic Oversight and OJT Templates.

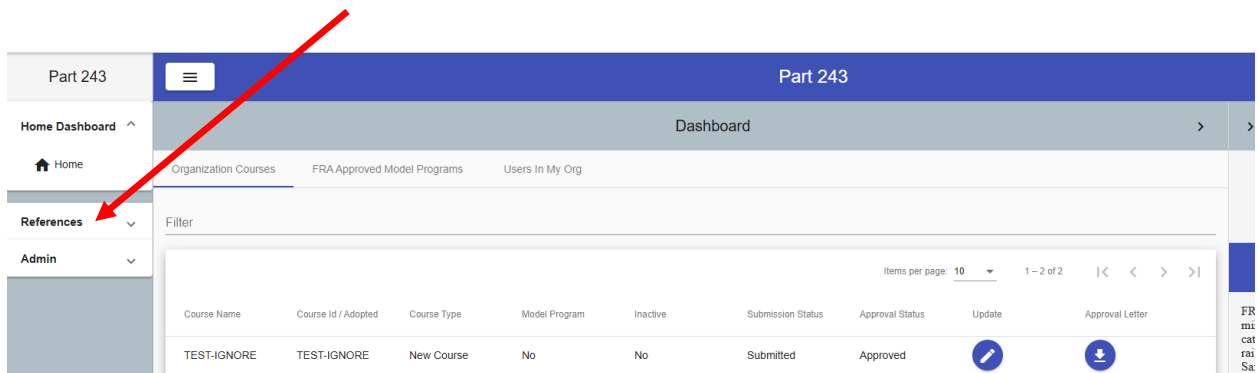
Highlighted below are a few regulations for your awareness.

- Please remember that the purpose and scope of Part 243 is to ensure that any person employed by a railroad or a contractor of a railroad as a safety-related railroad employee is trained and qualified to comply with any relevant Federal railroad safety laws, regulations, and orders, as well as any relevant railroad rules and procedures promulgated to implement those Federal railroad safety laws, regulations, and orders, reference § 243.1(a) and (b).
- Please remember that the employer is responsible to classify their safety-related railroad employees (SRRE) under 243.101(c).
- You should also designate your existing SRRE's per 243.201.
- The employer is responsible for training and qualification records per 243.203.
- The employer is also responsible for periodic oversight per 243.205 if they meet the criteria mentioned in 243.205(g).
- If OJT is required, the employer must ensure the SRREs complete it prior to qualifying in that specific occupational category – Many Training Organizations provide OJT templates but leave it up to the employer to administer. (This must be recorded per 243.203(b)(6)).

Part 243 Registration Help – When registering for the Part 243 portal using the link above, it will take you to a page that looks like this below:



You first need to create a LOGIN.GOV account if you don't have one. Do this by selecting the choice on the left. Once you have done this, you can follow the link again and then it should redirect you to the Part 243 portal after signing in to LOGIN.GOV. You will then need to register. When you type your organizations name in the text field, if it appears, select it. If it does not, **do not select the railroad you are working on**. If your organization does not come up, select the button in the upper right that says, "Can't find my Org" Follow the instructions in the pop-up window and make sure to provide all required information to the email provided. Once they have emailed you with your organization name and code, you can finish registration and submitting a program to the FRA. There are tutorials in the help section under the references drop down on the left.



We sincerely hope this helps. After reading through the Part 243 Compliance Guide, if you would like to discuss this further, we can setup a virtual call with your team and the FRA's Safety Partnership Division. Email part243questions@dot.gov