

Main Line Study Guide

This study guide contains helpful information for those conductors who will be recertifying or initially certifying on the Main Line.

The Main Line exam is divided into three sections:

Section A - Hoboken to West End

Section B – West End to Ridgewood Jct. (Main)

Section D – Ridgewood Jct. to Suffern

A LARGE PART OF THIS TEST ARE MAIN TRACK RULES IN EFFECT AND THE STATION PAGE.

This Study Guide took the UTU Local 60 Study Guide and compiled all the info from the books to a full Study Guide of what is on the exam from the Rules Department.

1) SECTION A – Hoboken Terminal to West End

MP	STATION	INT	PS	ADA
0.0	Hoboken		X	X
0.1	Terminal (Note 3)	X		
0.7	East End (Note 3)	X		
2.2	West End (ML) (Note 3)	X		

2) Main Track Rules

RULES	LOCATION	TRACK
INT, CSS	Train Shed Tracks in Hoboken	1-17
ABS, 261, CSS, PTC	Terminal & East End (Note 2)	3,1,2,4,6 & 122
ABS, 261, CSS, PTC	East End & Harrison	3, 1 & 2

3) Maximum Speeds

BETWEEN OR AT	ALL TRACKS
Depot Tracks and Eastward Home signals at Terminal	15/10
Eastward Home signals at Terminal and Eastward Home signals at East End	30/10
Eastward Home signal at East End and West End Lower Hack Interlocking limits **Except West End Wye**	30/15 5/5

- 4) The direction from Hoboken to West End is East to West.
- 5) Terminal Dispatcher controls Hoboken Terminal to Lower Hack.
- 6) Bergen Tunnel maximum authorized speeds are 30mph.
- 7) Automatic signals in the Bergen Tunnel are read as High Signal Aspects.
- 8) Depot Tracks 1 and 14 can be accessed on both sides of the platform.
- 9) Hoboken Terminal is 25KV.
- 10) 3 Coaches and an Engine can fit on 1 Depot.
- 11) Main track 122 is NOT WIRED. Tracks 4 and 6 Main ARE.
- 12) Tracks 12 and 13 are the ONLY Tracks that can access 1 Main and 4 Main in Terminal at East End.
- 13) Days Yard is Restricted Speed NOT exceeding 5mph.
- 14) The Stub/Tail Track is located South of 4 Main.
- 15) The Hill yard is located between 2 Main and 4 Main. The Days Yard is located North of the E Route. The Pullman Yard is located South of 122, 6 Main, 4 Main.

1) Section B – West End to Ridgewood Jct. (Main)

MP	STATION	INT	PS	ADA
2.2	West End (R-Terminal)(ME)	X		
3.6	Secaucus		X	X
4.3	Laurel (BC)	X		
5.0	W. Secaucus (Moveable Bridge)	X		
7.6	Kingsland		X	
8.2	Lyndhurst		X	
9.3	Delawanna		X	
10.6	Passaic		X	
11.1	Mill	X		
12.2	Clifton		X	
15.6	Patterson		X	X
17.5	Suscon (NYS & W)	X		
17.7	Hawthorne		X	
19.4	Glen Rock		X	
20.3	Ridgewood Jct. (BC)	X		

2) Main Track Rules

RULES	LOCATION	TRACKS
ABS, 261, CSS, PTC	West End & Laurel	3, 1, 2 & 4
ABS, 261, CSS, PTC	Laurel & Ridgewood Jct.	1 & 2

****HINT: PTC IS IN EFFECT ON ALL OF OUR TERRITORY****

3) Maximum Speed

BETWEEN OR AT	TRK 3	TRK 1	TRK 2	TRK 4
MP 2.2 & Western Limits of WC	60/30	60/30	60/30	60/30

- 4) The following speed restrictions at these locations are:
MP 5.0 is 45
MP 7.8 & MP 8.0 is 55
MP 14.9 & MP 15.1 is 30
MP 17.4 & MP 17.6 is 50.
- 5) Rule 91-1 is in effect at Hawthorne (east) & Ridgewood (east).
- 6) The Hot Box Detector is located at MP 12.9, Clifton, tracks 1 & 2 in both directions SI 72-4.
- 7) Patterson and Ridgewood are Island Platforms.

1) Section D – Ridgewood Jct. to Suffern

MP	STATION	INT	PS	ADA
20.3	Ridgewood Jct. (BC)	X		
20.9	Ridgewood		X	X
21.5	Camerons (CP)			
22.1	Ho-Ho-Kus		X	
23.4	Waldwick		X	
23.6	WC	X		
24.7	Allendale		X	
26.6	Ramsey		X	X
27.9	Route 17		X	X
29.3	Mahwah		X	
30.1	NJ-NY State Line			
30.5	SF	X		
30.5	Suffern		X	
31.3	Division Post (MNR)			

2) Main Track Rules

RULES	LOCATION	TRACKS
ABS, 261, CSS, PTC	Ridgewood Jct. & WC	3, 1 & 2
ABS, 261, CSS, PTC	WC & SF	1 & 2

3) Maximum Speeds

BETWEEN OR AT	TRK 3	TRK 1	TRK 2	TRK 4
MP 2.2 & Western Limits of WC	60/30	60/30	60/30	60/30
Western Limits of WC & Division Post MP 31.3		70/40	70/40	

- 4) **The speed restrictions at MP 26.6 & MP 23.2 is 40.**
- 5) **Movements on the Rockland Runner are made restricted speed, not exceeding 10MPH.**
- 6) **The speed in Waldwick Yard is Restricted speed, not exceeding 10MPH.**
- 7) **Eastward trains at Ridgewood Jct. can proceed on Cab Speed Indication when a proceed signal is clearly displayed. (ML 501-1).**
- 8) **Review TRO 7 for Waldwick and Suffern Yard configuration.**
- 9) **Tracks 1 & 2 are the ONLY tracks in Waldwick Yard used for passenger equipment.**
- 10) **All trains stopping at Ramsey MUST stop clear (East) of Main Street crossing. AT ALL TIMES.**
- 11) **The Conductor must contact the Main Line Dispatcher before departing Suffern.**