Working at Unmanned Token Stations when Control is Open

The procedure for obtaining a token at an unmanned Token Station has been modified. In future the person obtaining or issuing the token must contact Control and seek permission for the train to enter the section. The movement cannot proceed without this authority and so alternative methods to contact Control should be sought if the internal telephone system is not operational. GA 3.3.2 (b) is deleted and now reads:

(b) Before a train enters a single line section at an unmanned token station the person obtaining or issuing the necessary single line authority must contact Control and obtain permission for the movement to proceed. The movement may not proceed without this authority.

The token is still the authority to occupy the section; the instruction has been changed to ensure that the Controller can stop a train entering a section if there is a problem which is not evident to the train crew and would not stop a token being obtained (e.g. a report has been received that a tree has come down across the track). The only exception to this procedure is where trains are entering the Pendre to Wharf section in the down direction, where a telephone call would be superfluous as the Controller is able to refuse the issue of the token until the train crew have been spoken to.

Third parties who are assisting the passage of a train at any blockpost by obtaining the token under the provisions of GA 3.3.2 (a) and who are not acting as Blockman should contact Control first and seek both the authority to carry out the token exchange and the permission for the train to enter the section. This latter permission should be passed on to the train crew when the token is handed over.

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