

Glossary

APTIS	All Purpose Ticket Issuing System.
ASLEF	Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.
BREL	British Rail Engineering Ltd (a wholly-owned subsidiary of BRB).
BRG	Business Review Group.
BTOG	British Transport Officers' Guild.
CAPRI	Computer Analysis of Passenger Revenue Information.
CDR	Cheap Day Return.
CE	Civil Engineering.
Chairman's Group	Management group consisting of all executive Board members plus one non-executive Board member.
Conciliation grades	The majority of wages staff other than workshop staff; covered by the main Machinery of Negotiation; and undertaking principally train crew, signalling, passenger and freight duties, and track and signalling maintenance activities.
Confliction	A clash of operational actions where one train may be delayed whilst another moves across its path, ie at a junction.
Contract	An agreement between the 'business' side of the railway (sector or sub-sector) and the 'production' side (region or area) as to the level and quality of service to be provided.
Corporate Plan	Five-year plan for BRB as a whole (ie railway and ancillary businesses).
CTCC	Central Transport Consultative Committee.
CWR	Continuous welded rail.
Diagram	Sequence of train working to be undertaken by one unit of resource (eg one driver's shift of duty or a piece of rolling stock) for 24 hours. All the diagrams taken together must enable the whole workload embraced in the timetable to be executed.
Discount rate	A rate of interest used in investment appraisal (sometimes called a test discount rate). It is used to adjust ('discount') future costs and benefits to reflect the fact that £1 received in the future has a different value from £1 received today. The addition of the discounted costs and benefits gives the net present value of the investment. A higher discount rate implies a lower valuation of future benefits relative to current ones, and vice versa.
DMU	Diesel multiple unit.
Driver-only operation	Operation of the train with a driver only (ie without a driver's assistant or guard).
DTP	Department of transport.
Earnings per passenger mile	Average amount paid by the mix of passengers for each mile travelled.
ECML	East Coast Main Line rail route.
EFL	External financing limit set by the Government.
EMU	Electric multiple unit.
Footplate staff	Drivers, drivers' assistants and traction trainees.

GDP	Gross domestic product.
High-density DMU	First generation DMU designed for urban use.
HST	High speed train.
IFR	Investment and Financing Review.
IMPS	Investments Monitoring and Planning System.
Life-expired	In accounting terms an asset with no book value as its original cost has been fully depreciated or amortised. In physical terms an asset still in operational use which has exceeded its normal accepted life span.
LMR	London Midland Region.
Low-density DMU	First generation DMU designed for rural use.
Market pricing	The price (fare/rate) which it is normally accepted the market will pay for a service.
M&EE	Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.
MOIRA	Model of Inter-Regional Activity.
Mpc	Miles per casualty.
Multiple unit	A unit of one or more vehicles capable of operating independently or coupled to other units.
NPV	Net present value—see Discount rate .
NSE	Network SouthEast.
NSE report	British Railways Board: Network SouthEast, Cm 204, September 1987; the Commission's report on NSE rail passenger services.
NSKT	No-Signalman Key Token (see Appendix 7.1).
NUR	National Union of Railwaymen.
Permanent way	The track on which trains operate.
PORTIS	Portable Ticket Issuing System.
PSO	Public Service Obligation.
PTA	Passenger Transport Authority.
PTEs	Passenger Transport Executives. Bodies set up under the Transport Act 1968 to secure local public passenger transport in areas outside London.
Rail Plan	Five-year plan for Railway Business.
Real pricing	That part of a pricing increase which is in excess of inflation.
Refurbish	A major modification to an asset within its basic framework/body which improves its environment.
RETB	Radio Electronic Token Block (see Appendix 7.1)
RT	Right time, ie a train's scheduled time of arrival.
S&T	Signals and Telecommunications.
Single manning	Manning of the footplate by one driver only (ie without a driver's assistant), though there may be other train crew (ie a guard on passenger trains).
SPAMS	Sector Performance Accounting Monitoring System.
SSI	Solid State Interlocking (see Appendix 7.1).
Terminal	Terminal station.
TSSA	Transport Salaried Staffs' Association.
TUCC	Transport Users' Consultative Committee.
Unit	See multiple unit .
Vehicle	Coaching vehicle constituting one section of a multiple unit .
WCML	West Coast Main Line rail route.