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Freedom of Information Request

We are writing in response to your Freedom of Information request. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy.

You asked for the following information:

"I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following information please.

A timeline and salary for a train driver, from trainee to qualified train driver.

Information such as:

- *Trainee train driver starting salary.*
- *Duration of training.*
- *Once training completed, would the trainee become a qualified train driver? If so, what would the salary be. If not, what happens?*
- *Once qualified what is the pay scale of a train driver.*

If I have missed any steps, please would it be possible to have details of the salary and timings."

Having reviewed your questions, we are able to provide the following information:

The starting salary of a trainee train driver is £28,773.

Initial driver training lasts for a minimum of 35 weeks, though this could take longer depending on a variety of factors, such as the trainee's learning progress.

A post-qualified driver remains under assessment for a further two years. The salary for a post-qualified driver is £47,434.

When fully qualified, a train driver's competence is reviewed over 3-year periods. The salary for a fully qualified train driver is £52,706.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

Transport for Wales

Appeal Rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cdwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or freedomofinformation@tfw.wales. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

The relevant section to select will be "Official or Public Information".