

To: all of Britain's railway health and safety duty holders, the British Transport Police, the Rail Accident Investigation Branch, and railway trade union General Secretaries.

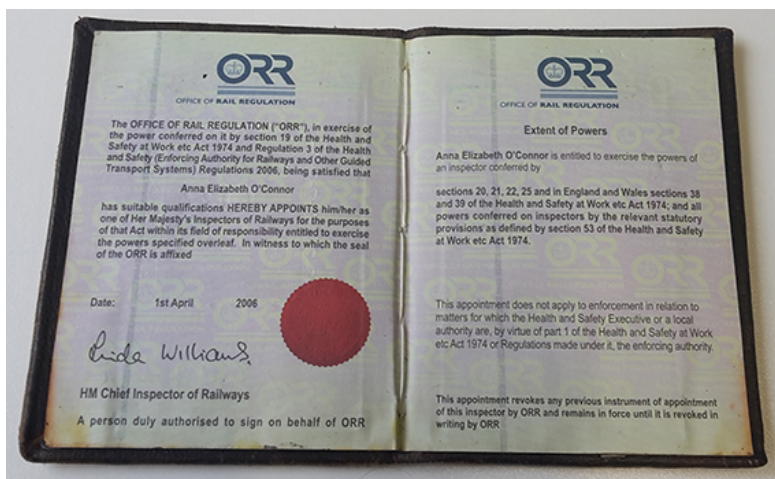
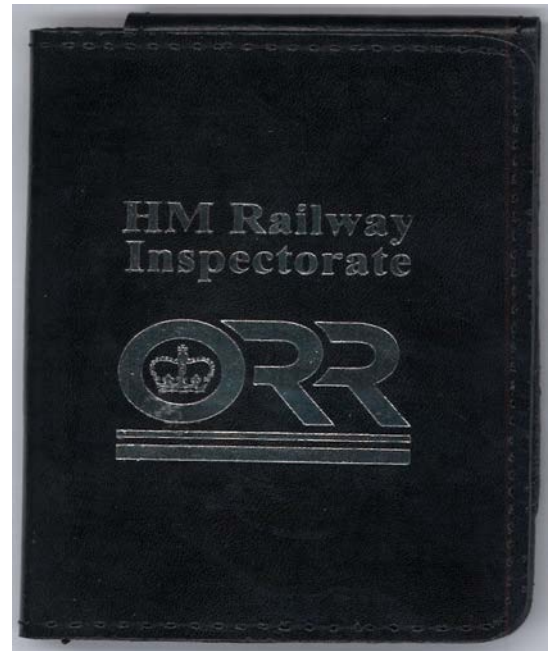
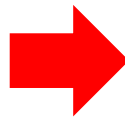
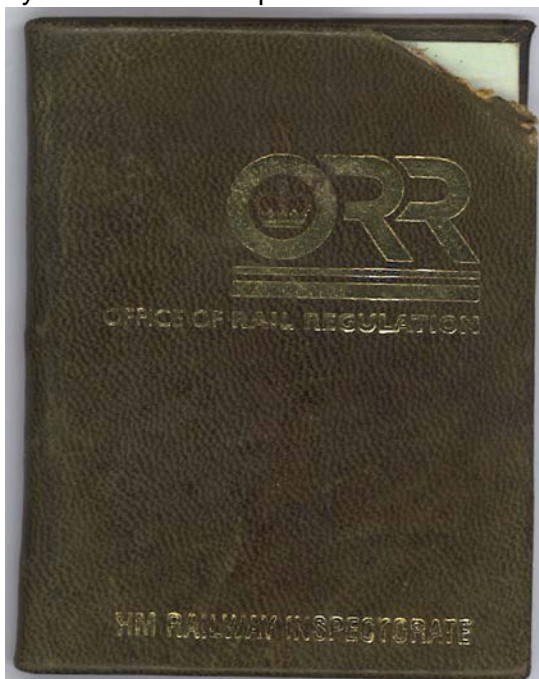
16 October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

ORR's formal change of name to the 'Office of Rail and Road' and new inspector warrants

As you may be aware, in taking on new functions on 1 April 2015 we changed our name from the 'Office of Rail Regulation' to the 'Office of Rail and Road' and as from midnight on Thursday 15 October 2015, this change is formalised.

This has required us to replace and renew our inspector's and inspector assistant's warrants to reflect the revised name. We have re-designed our warrants into an identity card-style format incorporated into new ORR wallets, which are similar in design to those currently held by the British Transport Police – see below.



However, to be clear, the extent of the existing railway health and safety powers conferred on our inspectors or inspector assistants remain unchanged, nor do our new warrants give us any new powers to regulate health and safety on Britain's highways network. Our new name simply reflects ORR's new economic role in the independent monitoring and enforcement of Highways England.

If you have any queries about our new health and safety warrants please contact: Sally Williams, e-mail: sally.williams@orr.gsi.gov.uk, tel. 0207 282 3896.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Prosser', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Prosser
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