

## Who we are:

Transportation is so basic that many of us overlook its overwhelming importance in our daily lives. Practically everything used in our homes, offices, or schools across Tennessee – from furniture to food items to clothing – requires a large and complex transportation network. The Tennessee Department of Transportation provides citizens of Tennessee and travelers with one of the best transportation systems in the country. TDOT is a multimodal agency with responsibilities in building and maintaining roads, aviation, public transit, waterways, railroads, cycling and walking. Our involvement ranges from airport improvements to funding transit buses to planning for river ports.

The Department of Transportation has approximately 3,500 employees with four statewide region facilities in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Jackson.

## Role of the Human Resources division:

The TDOT Human Resources division sets the vision and strategic direction for developing TDOT's greatest assets – our people. The division empowers the organization by ensuring the effectiveness and advancement of individual employees and the organization. The division develops, implements, and supports policies and procedures that reflect equal opportunity, diversity, and our values and principles. The division provides organizational planning, workplace operations, technology integration, talent progression, and resource development to create a workplace where people and industry thrive.



## Railroad Safety Inspector - Track

Passenger Transportation, Rail and Freight Division – Rail Safety  
\$54,744 - \$68,328 annually

### Job Overview

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently hiring a full-time Rail Safety Inspector (Track) professional for our TDOT Region 1 location in East Tennessee. This position is headquartered in Nashville TN with the preferred applicant residing in East Tennessee to ensure overall State coverage. Periodic travel into headquarters in Nashville will be required as necessary.

The Railroad Safety Inspector is a part of the TDOT Freight and Logistics Division. The Freight and Logistics Division provides leadership on issues of rail, water, and highway freight.

### Essential Job Responsibilities

Performs railroad safety inspections in the track discipline after completing training provided by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Inspects railroad tracks for the purpose of determining compliance with FRA regulations, CFR's, State Code and railroad rules. Interprets and enforces current railroad standards, laws, safety rules, and regulations to railroad industry. Provides technical advice and interpretation of regulations to railroad officials when required to improve the quality of compliance. Checks railroad inspection data to determine compliance with federal railroad laws. Identifies deficiencies observed during inspections and/or investigations for compliance with state and federal regulations. Conducts inspections in Track to determine compliance with federal and state regulations. Investigates derailments and other incidents to determine the cause of train accidents. Responds to and investigates complaints and inquiries from the public, railroad personnel, or federal officials to resolve conflicts and grievances. Monitors switches, switch machines, and crossing equipment by observation and testing to ensure proper functioning. Evaluates tools and equipment used by railroad industry to determine compliance with standards and specifications. Refers to past reports to confirm that previously discovered defects and violations have been addressed and/or corrected. Uses state vehicle to travel to and from assigned railroad inspection territories and respond if needed to railroad emergencies, such as derailments. Performs state inspections of railroad crossings, rail yards, industrial sites, and other rail accessible areas to ensure railroad crossing compliance with state railroad safety regulations (e.g., minimum overhead and side clearances, minimum distances between tracks, proper drainage). Writes federal and state inspection reports detailing results of inspections and investigations. Required to achieve and maintain federal certification by attending out-of-state training conducted by FRA-certified federal inspectors. Walks, climbs, and/or hikes through work sites, including rough terrain and obstacles, to facilitate

task completion in a variety of environmental conditions. Lifts job-related equipment and materials needed to complete assigned tasks in a variety of environmental conditions. Will require overnight travel.

### **Qualifications**

#### **Education and Experience:**

Minimum of four years of full-time professional work in railroad track system construction, maintenance, testing, and inspection techniques. Possession of Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Track certification and/or some training in FRA practices would be preferred. The certification is required prior to completion of the mandatory 2-year probationary period. Additional, requirements to obtain/maintain FRA certification can be found by following this [link-Track Inspector | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#).