

ACCESS TO THE NETWORK – AN OVERVIEW

I. Conditions for access to the network

Documents necessary:

Railway undertakings (RU) which want to use infrastructure which is not their own will require the following documents:

- a network access licence (NZB) or an EU licence
- a safety certificate (SiBe)
- a network access agreement.

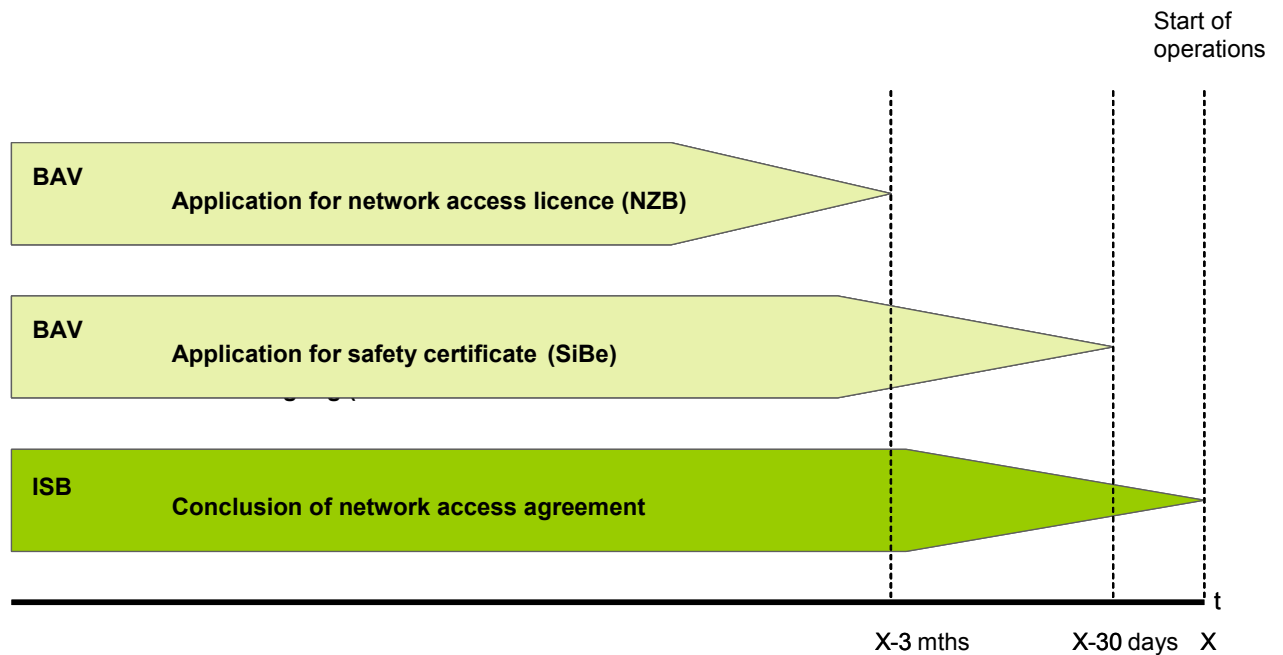
These documents do not necessarily have to be available at the time the application for train paths is made but they must be available when operations start (first train runs).

No network access licence or safety certificate is required if the undertaking in question contracts a traction provider who does have a network access licence and a safety certificate to move the train(s).

To apply for a network access licence a railway undertaking must have its registered office in Switzerland and be included in the Swiss Commercial Register or have an infrastructure concession. EU licences are recognised as network access licences. A Swiss safety certificate is necessary in every case however.

The procedures:

The processes and responsibilities are shown in the diagram below:



Network access licences and safety certificates are issued by the Federal Office of Transport (www.bav.admin.ch). Applications for network access licences and for renewals and extensions of scope must be made at least three months before the start of operations.

Network access agreements are concluded between infrastructure managers and users of their infrastructure. The contact points for Swiss infrastructure managers are shown at the end of this document.

Further documentation:

Detailed information on the network access licence and the safety certificate is contained in the Federal Office of Transport's 'Network Access Manual'. The manual may be downloaded from www.bav.admin.ch/dienstleistungen/bewilligungen/00562/index.html?lang=de but only in French and German. SBB, BLS and SOB's network statements provide information on network access agreements. They may be downloaded from:

- http://mct.sbb.ch/mct/en/infra-oss_network_statement_e_2009.pdf
- www.bls.ch/e/infrastruktur/trassen-statement2009.pdf
- www.suedostbahn.ch/de/Netzzugang_10175.html (only available in German)

II. Route databases

The requirements for rolling stock and further specific data are shown in the route databases. The databases may be consulted on:

SBB	http://mct.sbb.ch/mct/en/infra-dienstleistungen/infra-netze/infra-schiene/infra-oss.htm (only in German)
BLS	www.bls.ch/e/infrastruktur/trassen-statement2009-streckendatenbank.pdf (in French and German)
SOB	Details of how to enquire on www.suedostbahn.ch/de/Netzzugang_10175.html (in German)

III. Route opening hours

Details of the times during which the various routes are open may be consulted on:

SBB	http://mct.sbb.ch/mct/onestopshop-streckenoeffnungszeiten (in French and German)
BLS	www.bls.ch/d/infrastruktur/trassen-statement2009.php (only in German)
SOB	Details of how to enquire on www.suedostbahn.ch/de/Netzzugang_10175.html (in German)

IV. Combined transport terminals in Switzerland and adjoining countries

Several terminals are available for combined transport traffic in Switzerland and the immediate areas of adjoining countries. Click on the yellow boxes on the map (below) to obtain details of the individual terminals (in German):

http://www.trasse.ch/doc/en_Uebersicht_Karte_Netzzugang_090615.ppt

V. Contact points

The following contact points will gladly answer questions on access to the network [Link]:

General questions on access to the network and on applying for and being allocated train paths:

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Questions on access to the SBB network:

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Infrastruktur Trassenmanagement
Trassen-Verkaufsstelle SBB/BLS
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