

RAIL STAFF TRAVEL LTD: EMPLOYER INSOLVENCY: TITAN

The Rail Staff Travel Scheme covers the current Titan Outdoor Advertising situation. RSTL must follow the provisions of the Scheme precisely.

Retired employees who had been receiving their leisure travel facilities via Titan as the latest successor company to BTA, Ironlook Ltd or Maiden Outdoor Advertising are not entitled to retain their leisure travel facilities in perpetuity unless those facilities are paid for.

British Transport Advertising was privatised from the British Railways Board prior to the main privatisation exercise at which the Rail Staff Travel Scheme was set up, into a Company then called Ironlook Limited.

Ironlook Limited is specified in the Rail Staff Travel Scheme as being excluded from those provisions of the Scheme which relate to employer insolvency.

The contract between the BRB and Ironlook Limited, inherited by Maiden and then by Titan, allows for facilities to be provided as long as due payments are made. In the absence of payment, facilities can not be provided.

However, in recognition of the fact that some retired employees had in any case been paying Titan for their leisure travel facilities, and have requested that they might continue to pay RSTL directly instead, this option is being pursued. Provided a mutually acceptable method of contracting and transacting can be achieved, RSTL will be able to continue to broker leisure travel facilities for the retired former employees of BTA. There is an existing similar arrangement which will be used as a framework.

Since RSTL does not have contact details for most of the former employees in question, anyone affected who wishes to be put in touch with the group organising this option above may send their details to angela.nicholson@atoc.org, and those details will then be forwarded on.