

Glossary — Franchise chart

TABLE 1 **Current and previous rail franchises**

<i>Current franchise</i>	<i>Current TOC</i>	<i>TOC owning group</i>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>End date</i>	<i>Original franchises comprising current franchise</i>	<i>Previous TOCs (numbers indicate sequence of previous TOCs, ie (1) = first TOC to operate franchise, (2) = second TOC to operate franchise)</i>
Chiltern	Chiltern Railways	DB Regio (formerly Laing Rail)	2/2002	12/2021	Chiltern	Laing Rail* (Chiltern)
East Midlands	East Midlands Trains	Stagecoach	11/2007	3/2015	Midland Mainline Central Trains (part)	National Express (Midland Mainline) National Express (Central Trains)
Greater Anglia	National Express East Anglia (previously 'One')	National Express	4/2004	3/2011 (can be extended to 2014)	Anglia Great Eastern West Anglia Great Northern (part)	(1) Anglia (GB Railways) (2) First (Anglia) First (Great Eastern) (1) Prism Rail† (2) National Express (WAGN)
Greater Western	First Great Western	First	4/2006	4/2016	Great Western Thames Trains/Great Western Link Wales and West (part) (known as Wessex)	(1) Great Western Holdings (2) First (Great Western) (1) Victory Railways (Go-Ahead) (2) Go-Ahead (3) First Great Western Link (Thames/Great Western Link) (1) Prism Rail (2) National Express (Wales and West/Wessex)
Integrated Kent Franchise	Southeastern	Govia	4/2006	3/2014	Southeastern	(1) Connex (2) South Eastern Trains (DFT/SRA) (Southeastern)
Inter-City East Coast	National Express East Coast	National Express	12/2007	3/2015	Inter-City East Coast	GNER (Inter-City East Coast)
Inter-City West Coast	Virgin Trains	Virgin and Stagecoach	3/1997	3/2012	Inter-City West Coast	Virgin Trains and Stagecoach (via West Coast Trains Ltd) (Inter-City West Coast) Stagecoach took 49 per cent interest in 10/1998

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New Cross Country	Cross Country	Arriva	11/2007	3/2016	Cross Country Central Trains (part)	Virgin Trains and Stagecoach (via Cross Country Trains Ltd) (Cross Country) National Express (Central Trains)
Northern	Northern Rail	SercoNed Railways	12/2004	9/2013	North West Regional Railways Regional Railways North East	(1) Great Western Holdings (2) First (North West Regional Railways) (1) Northern Spirit (MTL Services) (2) Arriva (Regional Railways North East)
Scotrail	First Scotrail	First	10/2004	10/2014	Scotrail	National Express (Scotrail)
Southern	Southern	Govia	10/2000	9/2009	South Central Gatwick Express (from 06/2008)	Connex (South Central) National Express (Gatwick Express)
South Western	South West Trains	Stagecoach	2/2007	2/2017	South West Trains Island Line	Stagecoach (South West Trains) Stagecoach (Island Line)
Thameside (London, Tilbury and Southend)	C2C	National Express	5/1996	5/2011	Thameside (LTS)	Prism Rail (Thameside (LTS))
Thameslink/Great Northern	First Capital Connect	First	4/2006	4/2015	Thameslink West Anglia Great Northern (part)	Govia (Thameslink) (1) Prism Rail (2) National Express (WAGN)
Trans-Pennine Express	First Trans-Pennine Express	First Group & Keolis	2/2004	1/2012 (can be extended to 2017)	Regional Railways Northeast (part) North West Regional Railways (part)	(1) Northern Spirit (MTL Services) (2) Arriva (Regional Railways Northeast) (1) Great Western Holdings (2) First (North West Regional Railways)

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Wales and Borders	Arriva Trains Wales	Arriva	12/2003	10/2018	Cardiff Railway Valley Lines	National Express (Wales and Borders)
					Wales and West (part)	(1) Prism Rail, (2) National Express (Cardiff)
					Central Trains (part)	(1) Prism Rail (2) National Express (Wales and West)
					North Western (part)	National Express (Central)
						(1) Great Western Holdings, (2) First (North Western)
West Midlands	London Midland	Govia	11/2007	9/2015	Silverlink (part)	National Express (Silverlink)
					Central Trains (part)	National Express (Central Trains)

Source: CC.

*Laing Rail was purchased by Deutsche Bahn in 2008 and became DB Regio.

†Prism Rail was purchased by National Express in 2000.

TABLE 2 **Current rail concessions**

<i>Current concessions*</i>	<i>Current operator</i>	<i>Operator owning group</i>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>End date</i>	<i>Original concessions/franchises comprising current concessions</i>	<i>Previous operators</i>
London Overground Concession	London Overground	LOROL (MTR and DB Regio)	11/2007	11/2014	Silverlink (part)	Silverlink (Silverlink Metro)
Merseyrail Concession	Merseyrail	SercoNed Railways	7/2003	7/2028	Merseyrail Concession	(1) MTL Services, (2) Arriva (Merseyrail Concession)

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*Although concessions and franchises are different models of providing passenger rail services, there has been some overlap between operators of franchises and concessions, so they are included in this chart for completeness. The former Silverlink franchise's Metro services have become part of the London Overground concession.