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As life has been very busy with the day job recently, I have forced myself to provide the evidence and prepare my logbook ready for my assessment for the IRSE licence 7.8.230 Senior Engineering Manager (Project Engineering) in December this year. Whilst it has been an effort to make the time to do this, I have found the process quite easy to prepare and complete in relation to what I currently am employed to do on a daily basis.

Certainly in the company that employs me, there has been the required help and support provided by the business and the IRSE Licensing Manager, because I have demonstrated the interest and passion in order to obtain this licence in a realistic timescale. So if I can do this, why can't you?

Having had my logbook on my desk in recent times, there have been quite a few people who have noticed it, saying such things as: "How do you get the time to do that?" or "You must be really dedicated to do that ...". But in reality and once your logbook is set up, it only takes an hour or so each month, so long as you have the evidence to include in the logbook. Therefore the licence that you should apply for should be relevant to the job you actually do!

I no longer accept that obtaining and maintaining an IRSE licence is difficult to do. I also believe that we should be encouraging our fellow junior and senior colleagues to obtain an IRSE licence relevant to their role as a matter of good practice and common sense. So during your seasonal holidays, you may wish to learn more about IRSE licensing and have a look at www.irse.org for further information. If I can do it, do the day job and edit this magazine, so can you!

Are you working over the winter break this year? If so, IRSE NEWS would be pleased to receive your articles and photographs (taken in a position of safety of course) of the engineering activities that you have been undertaking. Perhaps you have a high quality photograph (typically a JPEG file 2MB or more in size, in a 'portrait' layout) that could be used for a future front cover for IRSE NEWS?

The editorial team and I would like to wish season's greetings to you all around the world. Perhaps you may want to make a contribution to IRSE NEWS if you have time away from work during the festive period and want something to do. We look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy!

The Editor



Front Cover: Keeping the trains running over Rannoch Moor on the West Highland line at the White Corries radio site. A team renews the radio antennas and radios used by the Next Generation Radio Electronic Token Block signalling system in the mountains of the highlands of Scotland. *Photo: Lee Clinton, Telnet.*

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