

11-4 Common Questions

Q: What are the guarantees for each board?

A: \$6398.85- \$581.71 a day on an 11 day half, as of August 1st 2026.

Q: Is there a bonus day for staying marked up?

A: Yes, it pays \$426.59

Q: Do I lose guarantee for any type of layoff?

A: Any compensated layoff is prorated and a non-compensated forfeits your guarantee.

Q: How long do I have on a bump?

A: 24 hours.

Q: If I mark up within 24 hours after being bumped do I preserve the guarantee?

A: You have to mark up within three hours to preserve your guarantee.

Q: On what calendar days are quarterly bumps scheduled for the next 12 months?

A: Quarterly bumps are available: January, April, July, and October.

Q: How to rest days affect build up starts for PL days?

A: They are neutral.

Q: At the home terminal do we still arrive at Marion Street and the Shamrock?

A: No.

Q: Are we blueprinted away from home?

A: No.

Q: If there are engineers rested ahead of me and I'm not first out, am I required to answer the phone call?

A: Yes

Q: Do we need to bid a specific pod on a board? Can we still bid any assignment on a board?

Can bid any

Q: When I come off rest days, do I automatically go to the bottom of the board?

A: Yes

Q: On what day in our work cycle do we receive a 24 hour rest?

A: After four starts without a 24 hour break.

Q: Can I be called to protect trains on territory I am no longer familiar?

A: Yes, request a pilot.

Q: Can I be called to fill yard assignments in Des Moines and Marshalltown?

A: Yes.

Q: If we don't accept a call if you due to unfamiliarity with territory does it affect our guarantee/ bonus day?

A: No.

Q: What happens to our rest days if we go out of town on our 11th day?

A: Your 96 hour rest period begins when you tie up at your home terminal.

Q: What are 'voluntary moves'?

A: Quarterly bump.

Q: Are there any changes to standing bids?

A: No