

Traffic Control for Works on Roads

Tasmanian Guide

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FOREWORD

This Guide is not intended to be an interpretation of the Australian Standard 1742.3 or Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management. The Department of State Growth does not have the resource capacity to design or approve traffic control arrangements for road work sites across Tasmania, and considers the Standard provides sufficient guidance to ensure appropriately qualified and experienced personnel can set up suitable arrangements for any individual site anywhere in the State.



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Version	Date	Reason
1.0	October 2011	Initial Release
1.1	June 2014	Minor updates and amendments
1.2	May 2020	Recognition of the release of Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management and update of Australian Standards As1742.3

1. INTRODUCTION

On 11 December 2019, Austroads released a new 10 Part Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM) to improve the safety and efficiency of temporary traffic management on road worksites across Australia and New Zealand. Standards Australia published a significant update to AS1742.3- Manual of uniform traffic control devices Part 3: Traffic control for works on roads on the same day.

Traffic control at work sites is provided to maintain a safe workplace for workers and to safely guide road users through work sites. It is essential for safety that the credibility of traffic control at work sites is maintained. This can be achieved by ensuring that arrangements are as simple and predictable as possible, that devices are correctly installed, and that the measures applied match the road environment and work activities being undertaken.

Traffic control at work sites in Tasmania must be designed and installed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard – AS1742.3 (2019) and Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management.

Staff involved in planning, designing, installing and managing traffic control at work sites must understand the requirements of the new AGTTM guides and be appropriately trained and qualified in its use.

2. AUTHORITY

There are a range of legislative provisions relevant to the management and control of works at road sites in Tasmania, including the *Traffic Act 1925*, the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*, the *Local Government Highways Act 1982*, and the *Road Rules 2009*. Employers and workers at road work sites should also be aware of their obligations under a range of other legislation relating to workplace health and safety, disability discrimination, and any other legislation relevant to their industry.

State legislation can be viewed on-line at: <http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au>.

Commonwealth legislation can be viewed on-line at: <http://www.comlaw.gov.au>.

NB: Authorisation to undertake the works may be needed from the relevant road authority. Road authorities may specify additional conditions to those specified in this Guide, or in the AGTTM. **Anyone planning to undertake works must contact the relevant road authority before commencing works.**

For the purposes of s59 of the <i>Traffic Act 1925</i> , this Guide constitutes the Transport Commission's directions for the installation of traffic signs at work sites on Tasmanian roads. Traffic signs installed in accordance with these directions are hereby approved by the Transport Commission.
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3. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Training requirements will change under AGTTM, but unfortunately the training modules have been delayed and the expected delivery of the AGTTM training package is to be confirmed.

Until the new AGTTM training modules are available, training will continue in its current form until 1 January 2021. The Department will confirm training requirements following 1 January 2021 until the release of the AGTTM training package.

Until the new AGTTM training modules are available, previous qualifications listed below will be accepted as compliant.

Those involved in providing traffic control at worksites, both in operational and managerial roles, must be competent. This means they must be appropriately trained, hold relevant qualifications, and have relevant field experience for the tasks they undertake.

1. Personnel undertaking **traffic management activities** in the road reserve must have satisfactorily completed the Australian Qualifications Framework Resources and Infrastructure Industry training package unit RIIOHS302A – ‘Implement Traffic Management Plan’ or equivalent.
2. In addition to the above qualification, where **manual traffic control** is required it shall be performed by those who have also satisfactorily completed the Australian Qualifications Framework Resources and Infrastructure Industry training package unit RIIOHS205A – ‘Control Traffic with a Stop/Slow Bat’ or equivalent.
3. As a minimum, **traffic management plans** must be certified by a person who has satisfactorily completed the Australian Qualifications Framework Resources and Infrastructure Industry training package unit RIICWD503A – ‘Prepare Work Zone Traffic Management Plan’ or equivalent. Satisfactory completion of the training specified at 1. (Implement Traffic Management Plan) is a pre-requisite.
4. For works involving more **complex traffic arrangements**, or staging, or both, traffic management plans shall be prepared by a person who has satisfactorily completed the Australian Qualifications Framework Resources and Infrastructure Industry training package unit RIICWD503A – ‘Prepare Work Zone Traffic Management Plan’ or equivalent **and** the Australian Qualifications Framework Resources and Infrastructure Industry training package unit RIIRIS301A – ‘Apply Risk Management Processes’ or equivalent. Satisfactory completion of the training specified at 3. (Prepare Work Zone Traffic Management Plan) and **at least** 12 months experience in the previous 3 years in selecting/modifying traffic control plans are pre-requisites.

The previous three year interval refresher training requirement has been suspended for any personnel trained in the above qualifications after 1 January 2017.

4. TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

AGTTM training modules are being developed by Austroads and a timeframe on its release is currently unknown.

In the meantime, traffic management designers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new AGTTM, noting that the Department of State Growth supports adoption of the new provisions.

For compliance with the new AGTTM it will become necessary for all personnel undertaking planning, designing, implementing and supervising Temporary Traffic Management to renew their training in accordance with the AGTTM.

Renewal will commence once the new AGTTM training modules become available. Personnel will be given a reasonable amount of time to renew their qualifications. The renewal period is based on the time since the qualifications or refresher course was undertaken.

Time since qualifications or refresher course obtained	Transition period to renew training under the new AGTTM
Within the last 12 months	18 months
1 to 2 years	12 months
2 to 3 years	9 months
Greater than 3 years	6 months

Formal adoption of the AGTTM in Tasmania is planned for 1 January 2021.

Temporary Traffic Management schemes designed under the previous AS1742.3 (2009) standard will be recognised as compliant up to 31 December 2020, but new temporary traffic management schemes planned, designed, implemented and supervised after this date must be in accordance with the new AGTTM.

Qualifications obtained under the previous standards will continue to be accepted until they are due for renewal.



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