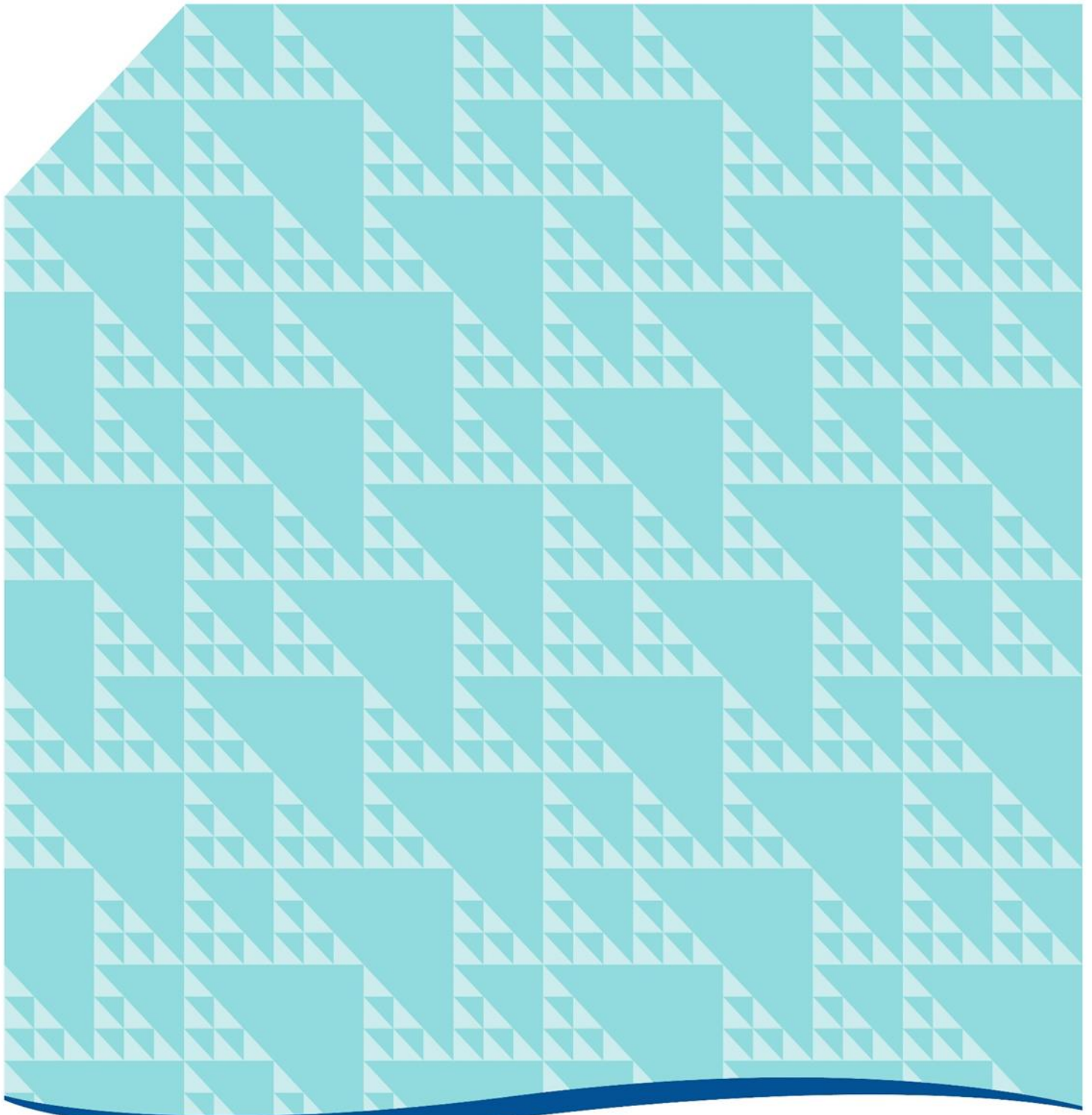


Traffic Control for Works on Roads - Tasmanian Guide



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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. The Department considers the aforementioned documents provide 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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Table 1 Document Version History

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 AS 1742.3
1.3	June 2021	Minor updates and amendments

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 AS 1742.3 - 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 safely guide road users through work sites. It is essential for safety that the credibility of traffic control at worksites 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 to match the road environment and work activities being undertaken.

Tasmania formally adopted the AGTTM on 1 January 2021.

Traffic control at work sites in Tasmania must be designed and installed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard – AS 1742.3 (2019) and Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM).

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

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 online at: www.thelaw.tas.gov.au

Commonwealth legislation can be viewed online at: 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 the AGTTM. **Anyone planning to undertake works must contact the relevant road authority before commencing works.**

For the purposes of s59 of the *Traffic Act 1925*, 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.

Training Requirements

As part of the Austroads Safer Outcomes at Road Worksites project, a new, national training framework is in development. This training framework is designed to target traffic management role and road category, see Table 2.

Table 2 Traffic Management Roles for Road Categories

Roles	Road Category 1	Road Category 2	Road Category 3
Traffic Controller (TC)	TC1	TC2	N/A (Portable Traffic Control Devices only)
Traffic Management Implementer (TMI)	TMI1	TMI2	TMI3
Traffic Management Designer (TMD)	TMD1	TMD2	TMD3

Tasmania does not have any roads that are defined as Road Category 3. See the information published at: www.transport.tas.gov.au/roads_and_traffic_management/contractor_and_industry_information/guide_to_temporary_traffic_management for details

At the time of publication of this guide, the expected delivery timeframes of the AGTTM training framework is to be confirmed.

Traffic management training in Tasmania

Until the new AGTTM training framework is available, traffic management training in Tasmania is as follows:

- the Department will accept traffic management training (listed below) with an attainment date after 1 January 2017
- Traffic management qualifications that fit this requirement will be acknowledged until all relevant modules designed under the new national training framework are deliverable in Tasmania (noting that at the time of publication of this guide, Category 3 training will not be required in Tasmania)
- if an attainment date is before 31 December 2016, the individual must complete traffic management training again
- refresher training in traffic management will continue to be suspended for individuals who have an attainment date after 1 January 2017
- refresher training will recommence when the individual completes training under the new Austroads training framework
- refresher training will be required every three years from the date of completion of the new Austroads training framework
- transition arrangements (see Transition Arrangements section) are subject to change in the future
- a person who has never held a qualification in traffic management must complete available training before performing traffic management practices in Tasmania
- until the new AGTTM training modules are available, the previous qualifications listed below (see section on Acceptable Previous Qualifications) are recognised as compliant.

Acceptable previous qualifications

Those involved in providing traffic control at work sites must be competent in both operational and managerial roles. This requires individuals to 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 RIIWHS302E - *Implement traffic management plans* 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 RIIWHS205E - *Control traffic with 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 RIICWD503E - *Prepare traffic management plans and traffic guidance schemes* or equivalent. Satisfactory completion of the training specified at point 1 above 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 RIIRIS301E - *Apply risk management processes* or equivalent. Satisfactory completion of the training specified at dot point 3 above and at least 12 months experience in the previous three 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. Any qualification dated earlier than 1 January 2017 must complete currently available training before conducting traffic management practices.

Transition Arrangements

Austrroads is currently developing AGTTM training modules. A timeframe for their release is not yet known.

The AGTTM documents have been available to the public since December 2019, and the Department has been encouraging traffic management designers to familiarise themselves with the new AGTTM, noting that the Department of State Growth supported the adoption of the new provisions before formal adoption.

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 according to 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, see Table 3.

Table 3 Qualification Renewal Periods

Time since qualifications or refresher course obtained	The transition period to renew training under the new AGTTM
Within the last 12 months	18 months
One to two years	12 months
Two to three years	Nine months
Greater than three years	Six months

**Timeframes are subject to change with the delivery of the AGTTM training framework.*

Tasmania adopted the AGTTM as its primary guidance resource in 2021.

Temporary Traffic Management schemes designed under the previous AS 1742.3 (2009) standard were recognised as compliant up to 31 December 2020. From 1 January 2021, temporary traffic management schemes planned, designed, implemented, and supervised must be per the AGTTM and AS 1742.3 (2019).



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