



Austrroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management – FAQ's

As a joint venture between the Department of State Growth, CCF Tasmania and the TMAA, it was great to see many areas of industry represented for the recent industry briefings.

The Department of State Growth's expectation is that anyone who conducts traffic management on Tasmanian roads are actively familiarising themselves and updating internal traffic management documentation to reflect the Guide & ASI742.3 2019 (e.g. traffic management plans and traffic guidance schemes).

The Department intends all traffic management practices in Tasmania to be in accordance with the new Austrroads Guide by 1 July 2020.

WorkSafe Tasmania will be assessing compliance accordingly from this date, noting the Department will encourage an educational approach.

This document will cover the main topics and queries that the Department has received in regards to the Guide, and provide links to where you can seek more information.

Continuous updates relating to traffic management in Tasmanian will be provided via the [Transport Website](#), and via email subscription.

If you have any further questions, please contact the State Roads WHS Team:

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1. ASI742.3 2019 Update

An update to ASI742.3 was published on the 11th December 2019. The updated version is available for purchase [here](#).

ASI742.3 2019 has been updated to reflect the requirements of a Standard, and has had material that would typically be considered “guidance” removed and developed into the AGTTM.

The Standard is now designed to cover the principles, process and broad steps to consider when preparing Traffic Management Plans (TMP) and Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS).

It also defines broad principles for Temporary Traffic Management, and outlines the difference between Traffic Management Plans and Traffic Guidance Schemes.

Details and particulars for signs and devices for use at Temporary Traffic Management sites are also outlined in the Standard.

More information outlining the detail of each section of the Standard can be found in Dr Dan Sullivan’s Tasmanian presentation.

2. AGTTM 10 Part Guide

The Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM) was released on the 11th December 2019.

The Guide details contemporary traffic management practice for application in Australia & New Zealand. It provides guidance for the planning, design and implementation of safe, economical and efficient temporary traffic management designs.

The 10 parts of the Guide recognises the level of variability of the road environments for which guidance is provided. The guidance is intended to encourage a consistent level of planning that supports the streamlined safe progress of work.

It applies to all works on roads and near roads, in addition to off road development and other activities that interact with and impact on the road environment.

You can access the Guide at the [Austroads website](#), and more information can be found in Dr Dan Sullivan’s presentation.

3. Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads

The Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads is provided to maintain a safe workplace for workers and to safely guide road users through work sites.

Traffic control at work sites in Tasmania must be installed in accordance with the relevant ASI742.3.

This Guide provides additional information and clarification to support and compliment the Standard.

The Tasmania Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads is currently being updated to remove the current 3 year refresher requirement for Traffic Management training in Tasmania.

This Guide will also include guidance and information regarding the pending development and release of the Austroads Training package, and how that relates to Tasmania.

The Department will continue to provide updates regarding the release of this updated Tasmanian Guide via the Transport website.

4. Training

It is anticipated that training for the AGTTM will be developed by Austroads and released as a nationally delivered training scheme. However, this training package is likely to be 18-24 months away from being available to Registered Training Organisations (RTO's).

In the interim, the Department of State Growth is working with known RTO's to discuss the most appropriate action going forward to target new or inexperienced people to industry and expose them to the requirements of the new Guide.

The Department of State Growth will continue to update industry around timeframes, training requirements and general information in relation to training, whether Tasmanian based or related to the Austroads training package.

Until the Austroads training package is released, the Department of State Growth is removing the requirement for 3 year refresher training from the Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads.

This means that individuals who completed Traffic Management training AFTER 1 January 2017 are not required to complete any refresher training until the Austroads training package is available for delivery from RTO's. However, organisations who still wish to put their employees through refresher training from a risk management point of view are encouraged to do so.

An example that helps explain this requirement:

The Department of State Growth has a maintenance worker that last completed Traffic Management training on the 17 February 2017. Under previous Guidance, the employee would be required to complete refresher training prior to 17 February 2020. Since the update to the Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads (removal of refresher training after 3 years) this employee is not required to complete refresher training until the release of the Austroads training package.

5. WorkSafe Tasmania & Compliance

The Department of State Growth are consulting with WorkSafe to discuss the monitoring of traffic management practices going forward.

WorkSafe are currently familiarising and educating their inspectors on the Guide and AS1742.3 2019, and as stated above

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6. Further Information

[Austroads Website](#) – Download & access the Guide

[Transport Website](#) – continuous updates from the Department of State Growth

[Dr Dan Sullivan's Presentation](#) – PowerPoint presentation from the Industry Briefing sessions

[Industry Briefing Presentation Video](#) – recording of Hobart Industry Briefing