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Update #3 – Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management in Tasmania

Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management – Tasmanian Implementation:

Following the release of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management in December 2019, the Department of State Growth's intention was for all traffic management practices in Tasmania to be in accordance with the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management by 1 July 2020.

Whilst many organisations have already taken the opportunity to become familiar with and apply parts of the Guide to their operations, the Department has taken measures to ensure the implementation of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management is not impacted by current events, in particular the availability of suitable training opportunities.

The Department has therefore extended the implementation date of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management in Tasmania from 1 July 2020, to **1 January 2021**.

The intention of this decision is to allow time for everyone in the traffic management industry to manage the impacts that COVID-19 has had on their business.

Traffic Management Training – New Starters & Refresher:

The Department is working and communicating with other State Road authorities and RTO's State wide to determine the best practice for conducting traffic management training for new starter's and those who require refresher training given current restrictions on travel and gatherings of people.

The Department has removed the requirement for refresher training every 3 years for any individuals who completed traffic management training after 1 January 2017. Registered Training Organisations (RTO's) will still offer refresher training for organisations who require it from a risk management perspective.

Industry will be provided with further information regarding training requirements for new starters and refresher training. This information will be detailed in the updated version of the Tasmanian Guide to Traffic Control for Works on Roads (update to be released by end of April).

However if you or an employee of your organisation has current training needs, we ask that you please contact the Department to discuss the individual requirements of your circumstances. Please contact:

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