

Event Traffic Management – Changes from 1 December 2022

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In December 2019, an updated Australian Standard AS1742.3 *Traffic Control for works on roads (2019)* and the *Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM)* were released. Together, these national documents detail the standards for temporary traffic management devices and best practice guidance at road worksites. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has aligned our technical guidance with these documents through our Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and Queensland Guide Temporary Traffic Management (QGTTM). Importantly, these standards not only apply to road worksites, but also traffic management associated with events.

What do these changes mean for events and event organisers?

The adoption of the new Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) standards means all event Traffic Management Plans (TMPs) and Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS) will need to be reviewed, and in some cases amended to reflect the new standards.

However, if event traffic control is carried out exclusively by Queensland Police Service (QPS), those arrangements will not be impacted. QPS can control traffic and direct road users under the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* and can do so without the need for a TMP, TGS or support from traffic control companies.

What is TMR doing to support event organisers?

From 1 December 2022, all events must comply with the new standards (excluding where traffic management is exclusively undertaken by QPS).

Recognising that these changes may come at a cost to organisers, and to assist with this transition, TMR has allowed an additional twelve-month optional adoption period for events. This optional adoption period will cease on 1 December 2022, when the new standards become compulsory.

This optional adoption period only applies where:

- The event is in accordance with the definition of an "event" in Section 2.1 of the Event Traffic Management Design Guidelines (ETMDG).
- The event has a TMP and TGS that was certified prior to 1 December 2021 and would not require a new TMP or TGS to be developed if the standards had not changed, i.e. the event is unchanged from previous years.
- The event does not impact upon any roads that are classed as Category 3 roads (generally high speed, high volume roads), as defined in Part 8 of the QGTTM.

What is TMR doing to support Road Authorities?

TMR does not have the legal authority to direct any road authority to continue to use superseded documents once new documents have been published. TMR has, however, provided legal guidance, known as the *Event Traffic Management Design Guideline – Transitional Guideline*, published on the following TMR webpages:

- <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Queensland-Guide-to-Temporary-Traffic-Management>
- <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Community-and-environment/Planning-and-development/Other-matters-requiring-approval/Traffic-management-at-special-events>

This Transitional Guideline will cease to apply from 1 December 2022, and all events must comply with the new standards after this date.

Event Traffic Management Design Guideline update

The ETMDG has been updated to reflect the new TTM requirements that will apply from 1 December 2022. The Guideline now references the new standards and specifications in the Queensland MUTCD Part 3 and QGTTM documents.

Further information:

For information about national TTM standards, please refer to the AGTTM at www.austroads.com.au.

For information regarding Queensland's TTM standards, please refer to the TMR website at

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Temporary-Traffic-Management>