



State Road Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme Newsletter

Reminder – Mandatory Video Recording

Since 1 January 2025, any organisation implementing Temporary Traffic Management on a Main Roads worksite (i.e. works conducted by or on behalf of Main Roads) must conduct a video drive through to record the implemented Traffic Guidance Scheme.

Note this does not apply to Events as defined in the *Traffic Management for Events Code of Practice* (for more information see section 5.2 of the *Traffic Management for Works on Roads Code of Practice*) an FAQ has been developed to assist and is available <u>here</u>.

Code of Practice Updates – March 2025

The March edition of Traffic Management for Works on Roads Code of Practice has now been published on the Main Roads website, <u>here</u>

End of Queue

The current End of Queue Fact Sheet has been in place since 1 June 2018, prior to updates to AS1742.3 as well as the release of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management, both in 2019.

Some common issues with current End of Queue calculations include –

- Not rounding up vehicles when determining vehicles per minute (e.g. cannot have half a vehicle in the queue);

- Not considering actual stopping time of vehicles;
- When considering stopping time, not considering time for vehicles to drive through the work site;
- Not accounting for longer heavy vehicles;
- Not considering traffic generated from the works (e.g. delivery vehicles, side tippers, etc.).

Main Roads has published an additional draft fact sheet with an alternative method for calculating End of Queue and is available <u>here.</u>

The intent of the new method is to simplify the process for determining queue lengths. Traffic Management Designers are encouraged to use the best options that best suits their needs while Main Roads continues to evaluate the best approach. Any feedback should be sent to RoadSafety@mainroads.wa.gov.au

AWTM – Non-Practitioner

The AWTM non-practitioner (AWTM-NP) has been introduced to encourage people that do not directly undertake TTM roles, but are involved in reviewing/authorising TMPs, conducting surveillance activities, etc. (e.g. office-based staff in road authorities, Project Managers, Surveillance officers, safety managers, operations managers, etc.)

To gain the AWTM-NP accreditation it is a requirement to undertake the 4-day AWTM course and successfully complete all in class written assessments.

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A person that currently holds WTM or AWTM accreditation, that cannot meet the eligibility for WTM/AWTM re-accreditation, may undertake the one-day AWTM refresher course to gain the AWTM-NP accreditation.

Austroads National TTM Training

Main Roads position remains to hold off adopting Austroads TTM training Framework awaiting other jurisdictions transition.

Portable Traffic Control Device (PTCD) Training

With the adoption of the Austroads TTM training on hold, there is now a gap in training for the use of Portable Traffic Control Devices (PTCDs):

- <u>RIIWHS303 Position, set up and program</u> portable traffic control devices
- <u>RIIWHS206</u> <u>Control traffic with portable</u> <u>traffic control devices and temporary traffic</u> <u>signs</u>

These units are now mandatory across Australia for all Traffic Controllers and/or Traffic Management Implementers. Main Roads will be mandating the units for anyone undertaking the Traffic Controller accreditation from March 2026.

This will mean anyone new to the industry undertaking the Traffic Controller course (including combined with BWTM) will be required to undertake this training and hold the above units of competency.

From March 2026, current industry will be required to undertake the PTCD training when their accreditation expires and they are due for refresher training.

The training will not be required for those only undertaking the BWTM accreditation.

Traffic Management Information Session Webinar

Main Roads hosted an online information session for Traffic Management Companies in December 2024, where we provided industry updates and insights.

There were 116 attendees from right around the State, with great engagement throughout the session.

Our speakers covered the following topics:

- Austroads and Code of Practice updates - Gareth Peers
- Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme
 - Pay and Conditions improvements Background by Kyran Thorpe
 - Pay Summary table / IR elements by Hayden Falconer
 - General Reg Scheme update / Other improvements Andrew Reilly
- Road Planned Interventions by the numbers – Greg Gendron
- TMAA 2024 National Traffic Controller Safety Survey – Thomas Morrissy, Policy Advisor TMAA



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The presentation was well received with postsession survey results indicating that industry appreciated the guidance, transparency, and support.

Stay tuned for updates on our next Webinar to be held in late 2025.

A message from the Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA)



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the road worker that was tragically hit and killed while directing traffic on a Victorian Highway on the 23^{rd of} January. It is heart breaking to start the year with another headline about a member of our industry being senselessly killed.

It has been humbling to see industry members in Western Australia join forces to work towards better and safer conditions for our people. Keeping our focus steadily set on the wellbeing and safety of those who work tirelessly on the front line to keep other road workers and users safe.

We all know the risks that traffic controllers face every day - Whether managing busy intersections, overseeing construction zones, or redirecting traffic in emergency response situations, they are constantly exposed to speeding vehicles, inattentive drivers, abuse and challenging weather conditions. Our focus needs to remain on public awareness and innovative technologies. Innovations like PTCD (Portable Traffic Control Devices), Al driven traffic monitoring systems and other alerts for drivers will continue to reduce the need for direct human exposure in hazardous situations. We need to continue to fight for enforcement and harsher penalties for violations of speed limits, for the reports of abuse to be taken seriously by the authorities and for the Government to continue campaigning to educate drivers around the work that traffic controllers do and the risks they face each and every day.

Traffic controllers are essential to the smooth functioning of our roads and the safety of everyone who uses them. Let's make 2025 the year we come together, putting aside differences, to share our learnings, our corrective actions, our struggles and our wins in safety. Together, we can ensure every person goes home safe every day.



Britt O'Dwyer TMAA WA Board Member TMAA WA Chair

Support Safer Roads – TMAA urges Industry to sign the Petition!

The Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) is calling on Google Maps, Apple Maps, and Waze to enhance their work zone safety measures. To support this, TMAA has launched a national petition.

TMAA is urging these apps to update their audio warnings to say, "*Slow down for road workers*" a message already used in safety campaigns worldwide.

To sign the petition follow this link.

Auditing Snapshot

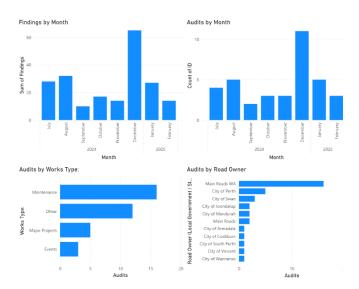
Main Roads are continuing to undertake random audits to confirm compliance with the new requirements of the registration scheme. To get an insight into who and where we are auditing, see below graphic:

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Application Form

The application form can be found on the Main Roads <u>website</u>. Any queries with your application please contact: <u>TMCREG@mainroads.wa.gov.au</u>

FAQs

The <u>FAQs</u> are continuing to be updated based on new information and any questions raised by industry. Updates recently incorporated now align with the content of this Newsletter #8.

Smart Freeway works

Companies are reminded that those planning the works on the Smart Freeways (Mitchell Freeway southbound from Hester Ave to Vincent St/Kwinana Freeway northbound from Farrington Road to the Narrows Bridge) are to contact Road Planned Interventions for guidance prior to the preparation of the TMP. Refer to section 6.19 of the Code of Practice for more information

Subscribe for updates

Our next industry newsletter will be published in July. To stay up to date with the Main Roads traffic management company registration scheme ensure you subscribe by <u>following this link.</u>

Further information on Pay & Conditions:

For further information please email <u>Tmcreg@mainroads.wa.gov.au</u> or visit <u>www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/technical-</u> <u>commercial/work-on-roads</u>.

You can also contact the following industry associations and unions:

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Traffic Management Association of Australia

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