



## Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for Events on or affecting State roads in WA

This factsheet has been prepared to assist Event Organisers to plan safe temporary traffic management when an event is on or affecting a State road in Western Australia.

It explains when a registered traffic management company may be required for events affecting State roads, outlines the role and responsibilities of Event Traffic Controllers, and provides guidance on planning approvals and likely cost drivers.

A [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document is available to complement this factsheet.

*Disclaimer: This document provides general guidance only and may not cover every situation. Event Organisers remain responsible for obtaining approvals and ensuring appropriate safety controls are in place for their events and professional traffic management advice should be sought where and when required.*

### State Road Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme

Main Roads introduced the State Road Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme (the Scheme) in 2015 to improve safety, governance and standards across the traffic management industry in Western Australia. In 2023 enhancements were introduced the Scheme including minimum pay and employment conditions for traffic management workers.

Traffic management is high-risk activity. Unsafe practices can lead to serious injury or even death. The Scheme supports:

- Safer and more consistent industry standards
- Attraction and retention of skilled workers
- Reduced pressure to undercut wages in ways that may compromise safety
- Improved governance and accountability

Only companies registered under the Scheme may conduct traffic management on State roads where prescribed activities are required.

**If you answer “yes” to any of the below, a registered traffic management company is required:**

- Are you implementing lane closures on the State Roads?
- Does your event require a speed reduction on the State Road?
- Does your event require traffic control on a State Roads?
- Is any part of your event on, or affecting a State road?

### Quick facts for Event Organisers

**Volunteers:** Volunteers may assist in some roles for lower-speed, low-complexity events such as car park entry / exit support or spectator guidance, where risks are low and clearly defined.

### Event Traffic Controller (ETC Accreditation):

An Event Traffic Controller (ETC) accredited person (otherwise known as an ETC) is authorised to control traffic at events in low-complexity environments, generally on roads where the posted speed limit does not exceed 60 km/h.

To perform this role, individuals must complete the Event Traffic Controller (ETC) short course, which provides the accreditation required to undertake traffic control duties for eligible events. The ETC course has been developed specifically for event organisers and volunteers to support traffic management activities in lower-risk environments.

The course typically takes approximately half a day to complete, and the accreditation is valid for three years.

Subsidies are available for community and not-for-profit (NFP) organisations.

**Event Traffic Controller (ETC) Limitations:** ETC accredited persons cannot conduct Stop or Slow operations on State roads. However, ETCs may install Event Series signs on State roads only when that is **the only** traffic management measure and no closure or speed restriction is required.

### When is a Registered Traffic Management Company Required?

For events on or affecting State Roads, if you only need standard Event Series warning signs (such as 'EVENT AHEAD' signage as per section 9 of the [Traffic Management for Events Code of Practice](#)) and no road closure or speed restriction is required, a registered traffic management company is **not** required under the Scheme.

If your event requires more than standard Event Series warning signs, you will likely require a company registered under the Scheme for events on or affecting state roads.

The type of temporary traffic management measures requiring more than Event Series signage generally include:

- Road or lane closures
- Temporary speed limit changes
- Stop / Slow or manual traffic control
- Detours
- Complex intersections
- Multiple closure points
- Routes involving railway level crossings

Temporary speed limits are considered higher-impact controls and require formal planning and approvals.

**Ask early if unsure** and email - [EventCoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:EventCoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

### Traffic Management Plans

You will likely require a Traffic Management Plan if your event includes any of the below scenarios, regardless of whether the event is on a State or Local Road:

- Road closures or lane restrictions
- Temporary speed reductions
- Manual traffic control
- Busy intersections
- Significant pedestrian movements
- Interaction with public transport or emergency services

Use the [Traffic Management for Events Code of Practice](#) to determine event category and required notice periods. Category 1 road closures require at least 6 months' notice to WA Police.

### What Influences Traffic Management Costs?

Temporary traffic management costs can vary significantly depending on the event complexity. Event Organisers should consider:

- Number of traffic controllers required
- Duration of the event (including setup and pack-down)
- Speed environment (higher speeds require higher controls)
- Road classification (State vs Local)
- Temporary speed limits
- Number of closure points
- After-hours or weekend work
- Traffic volumes
- Signage, barriers and equipment requirements
- Relief staff for fatigue management

Because minimum pay and employment conditions now apply under the Scheme to events on or affecting State Roads, pricing may reflect:

- Award wage compliance
- Travel time
- Training and accreditation requirements
- Supervision and safety oversight

Early engagement with traffic management providers allows more accurate cost estimation.

### Staff breaks during an event

**Breaks & fatigue:** Breaks must comply with workplace health and safety obligations and relevant employment requirements.

The standard practice of rotating workers every two hours is commonly used for Stop/Slow operations at roadworks but may not be suitable for other types of tasks. Therefore, when planning relief coverage, consider factors such as how long the event will last and level of mental/physical effort required for the task.

### Communications

**Let people know:** If your event affects normal traffic operations, you may need:

- Advance notification signage
- Public messaging
- Emergency service notification
- WA Police approvals

Refer to the [Events Code of Practice](#) and **engage early**. Main Roads recommends allowing up to 10 business days for event guidance responses.

### Duty of Care

Event Organisers have a legal duty of care to take reasonable steps to protect:

- Motorists
- Cyclists
- Pedestrians
- Event participants
- Emergency services

### Plan your event (Quick Checks!)

- Confirm whether any part of your event route is on or affecting a State road, as requirements differ between State and Local Government roads.
- Determine the level of traffic impact; are standard Event Series warning signs sufficient? or are higher-impact controls required (e.g. closures, detours, temporary speed changes, Stop/Slow or manual control)?
- Plan for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and emergency services.

- Refer to the Events Code of Practice to identify event category and allow time for approvals. Category 1 road closures require at least 6 months' notice for WA Police.
- Engage early with Main Roads for guidance, and allow up to 10 business days for a response:

[EventCoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:EventCoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

### Further information

#### Main Roads event guidance

(allow up to 10 business days):

[EventCoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:EventCoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

#### State road registration/scheme queries and feedback: [tmcreg@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:tmcreg@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for event practitioners:

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

#### Code of Practice – Traffic Management for Events:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/49ec17/globalassets/technical-commercial/working-on-roads/traffic-management/traffic-management-for-events-code-of-practice.pdf>

#### Scheme scope & requirements:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/technical-commercial/working-on-roads/>

#### List of Roads Under Main Roads Control (PDF):

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/technical-commercial/planning-development/main-roads-controlled-roads-all-regions.pdf>

#### State Road Network map (ArcGIS):

<https://portal-mainroads.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/mainroads::state-road-network/explore>

#### WA Police for road closures/suspension details:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/security/law-enforcement/apply-event-permit-or-police-services-major-events>