

# Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) FAQs for Events



**This FAQ provides general information for organisers and practitioners planning Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for events in Western Australia.**

Information provided here is for guidance only and may not cover all situations. Organisers remain responsible for ensuring appropriate approvals are obtained and suitable risk controls are in place.

For event specific guidance contact Main Roads at [eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q1: What approvals might I need, and how early should I start?

Some events require WA Police permits and/or road-closure approvals. Larger or more complex closures may require several months of planning.

Engage your Local Government early and allow sufficient time for approvals, Category 1 closures need at least 6 months' notice for WA Police. Check the Main Roads "roads under control" list or the [State Road Network map](#) to know if your event is on or affecting a State road.

Refer to the [Events Code of Practice](#) for event categories. If you are unsure, or need specific advice on your event contact the Main Roads Events team at [eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

### Q2: My event is on or affecting a State Road, do I need a Main Roads registered traffic management company?

Not always.

If you only require standard "Event" warning signs and there are no closures, speed changes or manual control, a Main Roads registered company may not be required (refer section 9 of [Events Code of Practice](#)). If you require more than standard event signs (e.g. closures, speed changes, Stop/Slow), you will likely need a company registered under the State Roads Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme. If you are unsure, contact Main Roads at [eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

### Q3: Can volunteers help with temporary traffic management?

Yes, in limited and appropriate roles.

Volunteers may assist in community/sporting events in lower speed and low-complexity environments such as, car park management or spectator guidance. Volunteers must not undertake higher-risk traffic control functions unless appropriately accredited.

### Q4: What is Event Traffic Controller (ETC) and what can ETC-accredited people do?

ETC is an accreditation permitting a person to carry out Stop / Slow duties for low-complexity Event traffic roles, generally in environments with a speed limit of 60 km/h or less. The accreditation is valid for 3 years and subsidies may exist for community clubs/not-for-profit organisations. For more information on subsidies or when/where the accreditation can be used, contact [eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

### Q5: Can ECT-accredited people use Stop/Slow bats on State roads?

No.

Stop/Slow by a person holding the ECT accreditation is not permitted on State roads. Due to the high risk nature, generally traffic control on a State road requires temporary traffic signals.

### Q6: Do I need a traffic controller at every closure point?

Not necessarily.

It depends on the level risk, sometimes signs/barriers are enough. Liaise with the applicable Local Government or Main Roads using a risk-based approach to ascertain the requirements. Key considerations include high pedestrian areas, intersections and multiple closure points.

### Q7: Who can do what for events?

Non accredited persons can assist with car park entry/exiting or provide spectator guidance. An ETC-accredited person can conduct Stop/Slow operations on LGA roads with a speed limit not exceeding 60km/h, or erect certain event signage. Implementing temporary speed reductions, closing roads, or detours must be carried out by persons holding a Basic Worksite Traffic Management (BWTM) as a minimum.

### Q8: Do traffic management workers need breaks every 2 hours?

Break requirements depend on the task and duration. If traffic management workers are performing Stop / Slow continuously for 2 hours they must be provided with a 15-minute break. This 15-minute break can be a rest period or alternative duties such as conducting site checks.

### Q9: Who do I contact if I'm unsure what's required?

Main Roads has a dedicated Events team to provide guidance on temporary traffic management requirements. Please include your event date, location, map/route in your enquiry to [eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:eventcoordinator@mainroads.wa.gov.au).

### Q10: How do I report unsafe or poor performance by a traffic management company?

If you observe unsafe setups, poor conduct and non-compliance, please email the State road traffic management company registration scheme team at [tmcereg@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:tmcereg@mainroads.wa.gov.au) or use the [online feedback form](#).