

The Roads and Traffic Authority NSW has both a moral and legal responsibility for the safety of all persons at RTA work sites. This includes RTA's own staff, its contractors and members of the public.

Of paramount importance in ensuring the safety of people at work sites is the need to provide a high standard of traffic control around, past or through those work sites. This can only be undertaken by a systematic consideration of the conditions to be encountered at each site and selecting or designing a specific plan for the control of traffic.

This Manual must be used on all RTA road and bridge work sites.

The manual contains a large number of standard traffic control plans (TCPs) which can be selected and implemented at work sites for which the plan meets all requirements. Where a standard plan does not meet the traffic control needs of a particular site the manual provides procedures for the design of a new or site specific plan. These procedures must be followed. Compliance with traffic control plans is to take precedence over operational expediency in all situations.

The design, selection and implementation of traffic control measures detailed in this manual are based on Australian Standard 1742.3, *Traffic control devices for works on roads*. If this manual does not contain advice on a particular aspect of traffic control then AS 1742.3 must be consulted and, its advice adopted, if such advice exists.

Traffic control and the selection or design of TCPs shall only be undertaken by persons who are qualified, authorised and have passed RTA approved training courses. The training of personnel will be an integral part of the implementation of this policy.

Local government, contractors and public utility authorities are required to adopt the manual for works undertaken on RTA controlled roads and are encouraged to adopt the manual for works on roads outside the control of the RTA.



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