

# Technical direction

For traffic and transport practitioners

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## Use of type approved illuminated flashing arrow signs

### Introduction

This Technical Direction covers the use of illuminated flashing arrow signs that have been type approved.

### General

Increasingly the RTA is using illuminated flashing arrow signs on its work sites. The units are either purchased by the RTA or obtained from equipment hire companies.

It is a specific requirement for using illuminated flashing arrow signs within New South Wales that they be type approved as detailed in Version 3 of the RTA's Traffic Control at Work Sites manual and RTA QA Specification FAS/5 (2007), Illuminated Flashing Arrow Signs. A detailed procedure for manufacturers requiring type approval is contained in Section 10 of Specification FAS/5.

However, there has been an increase recently of units being used that do not meet the requirements for type approval. This is contrary to specified practice.

### Action

1. When purchasing or hiring illuminated flashing arrow signs ensure that the equipment has been type approved in accordance with FAS/5.
2. If illuminated flashing arrow signs are offered for sale or hire that do not have type approval advise the prospective provider of the correct process to follow to seek type approval.
3. Ensure that only type approved illuminated flashing arrow signs are in use by 30 September 2009.

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