

Frequently asked questions

Harmonising the MUTCD

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is harmonising the [Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\)](#) with Australian Standard AS 1742 as part of the department's commitment to national harmonisation. As a result, the Queensland MUTCD will only provide requirements specific to Queensland and has precedence over the equivalent Australian Standard Part.

When do harmonised Parts take effect?

Parts take effect on the day of publication. Harmonisation will be carried out in stages and is anticipated to be completed in 2022. The first stage was published on 30 November 2016 with the following harmonised Parts:

- Part 1 *General introduction and index of signs*
- Part 6 *Service and tourist signs*
- Part 10 *Pedestrian control and protection and*
- Part 13 *Local area traffic management.*

The second stage was published on 31 May 2017 with the following harmonised Parts:

- Part 7 *Railway crossings*
- Part 11 *Parking controls and*
- Part 14 *Traffic signals.*

The third stage was published on 30 November 2017 with the following harmonised Parts:

- Part 5 *Street names and community facility name signs and*
- Part 12 *Bus, transit and truck lanes.*

The fourth stage was published on 30 November 2018 with the following harmonised Part:

- Part 9 *Bicycle facilities.*

The fifth stage was published on 31 March 2020 with the following harmonised Part:

- Part 15 *Direction signs, information signs and route numbering.*

The sixth stage was published on 30 November 2020 with the following harmonised Part:

- Part 3 *Traffic control for works on roads.*

I have a project in play under a non-harmonised Part of the MUTCD: which version applies for my project?

The version and applicable parts allowed for in the tender (and contract) would be the version and applicable parts indicated in the tender. Should the version or applicable parts be revised at any time during the contract and the Administrator directs the Contractor to comply with these revised documents, this would be a variation to the Contract and be treated as such by the Administrator.

What happens to the supplements to the Queensland MUTCD?

Once a Part is harmonised, the previous version becomes superseded. All supplements and supporting documents to that Part will be withdrawn and will cease to be published on the Transport and Main Roads website. Users may contact TMR's Library Services by email to libraryin2@tmr.reference-service.info to request a superseded version.

Standards Australia charges to access Australian Standards – can Transport and Main Roads give me a free copy?

Copyright and intellectual property law prohibits the Department of Transport and Main Roads from providing copies or extracts of any Australian Standard to users outside the department.

- [Standards Australia](#) develops Australian Standards which can be purchased from an agent of Standards Australia: for example, the cost of purchasing AS 1742.3 (Part 3 only of the Standard) as a view only watermarked .PDF file at time of writing is \$184.56. Standards Australia can advise further on costs of renewable digital user licence fees.
- At the time of writing, [Brisbane City Council libraries](#) provide access to Australian Standards. Please ask Brisbane City Council Library staff for assistance.

Can I still buy the MUTCD?

Harmonised Parts are print-enabled on the [Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices webpage](#) and are available for free.

Part 2 *Traffic control devices for general use* remains to be harmonised at time of writing and is not print-enabled on the website. A hard copy of this Part may be obtained by contacting tmr.techdocs@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Which document should I read first, the QLD MUTCD or AS1742?

The harmonised Queensland MUTCD must be read in conjunction with the relevant Part of AS 1742 and has precedence over the equivalent Australian Standard Part.

How do I get updates on the MUTCD?

The MUTCD may be updated tri-annually in March, July and November or on an as needs basis. Users can subscribe to the department's [MUTCD webpage](#) to receive email alerts when this page changes, and to the department's [Industry Update](#) to receive emails of forthcoming technical documents.

For further information, please contact: TrafficEngineering.Support@tmr.qld.gov.au

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