

Fact sheet

Harmonising the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is harmonising the [Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\)](#) with Australian Standard AS1742 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.

Why harmonise?

Benefits of harmonisation include:

- aligning content to the national Australian Standard and avoiding duplication
- improving consistency of advice with other State and Territory road authorities
- minimising lag in content maintenance as Australian Standards are updated
- offering an easy to read format that can be amended quickly for Queensland-specific practices, and
- making the Queensland-specific documents available electronically to users at no cost.

Who will it affect?

Harmonisation of the Queensland MUTCD will affect users including Transport and Main Roads Regions/Districts, Local Governments, Contractors and Consultants.

All users will need to refer to both the Queensland MUTCD and the Australian Standards.

When will harmonisation happen?

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 commenced on 31 March 2020 with the following harmonised Part:

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

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

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

The remaining Parts of the Queensland MUTCD will continue to be published on the [departmental website](#) until harmonised versions are released.

How do I use the harmonised Queensland MUTCD?

- The harmonised Queensland MUTCD must be read in conjunction with the relevant Part of AS 1742.
- The Queensland MUTCD has precedence over the equivalent Australian Standard Part.
- The Queensland MUTCD follows the same structure as AS 1742 with the same section and clause references.
- Each section and clause of the Queensland MUTCD has been reviewed for its application in Queensland as:
 - Accepted – This means the Australian Standard section or clause is accepted in Queensland.
 - Accepted, with amendments – Part or all of the section or clause has been accepted with additions, deletions or differences.
 - New – There is no equivalent section or clause in the Australian Standard.
 - Not accepted – The Australian Standard section or clause is not accepted in Queensland.
- Where the Australian Standard makes any references to other Parts, the reader must **first** refer to the equivalent Part of the Queensland MUTCD to identify what condition has been applied.

Where can I access AS 1742?

- [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 Transport and Main Roads provide a copy of AS 1742?

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.

Where can I access the Queensland MUTCD?

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

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.

Superseded versions of the Queensland MUTCD are available from Transport and Main Roads Library Services by contacting libraryin2@tmr.reference-service.info.

How can I get further information?

Please direct queries to TrafficEngineering.Support@tmr.qld.gov.au.

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