

Fact sheet

Harmonising the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has made a decision to adopt Australian Standard AS1742 *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* as part of 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 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 2020.

The first stage was published on 30 November 2016 with the following harmonised Parts:

- Part 1 *General introduction and sign illustration,*
- 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*
- 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*
- Part 12 *Bus, transit and truck lanes.*

The fourth stage commences 30 November 2018 and comprises:

- Part 9 *Bicycle facilities.*

All other Parts of the Queensland MUTCD will continue to be published on the departmental website at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Manual-of-uniform-traffic-control-devices>.

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 document 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?

- SAI Global is the selling agent for Standards Australia and can be accessed via <https://www.saiglobal.com/>.

Can TMR 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](#).

Most non-harmonised Queensland MUTCD Parts are not print-enabled but may still be purchased in hard copy using the department's [order form](#) and emailed to tmr.techdocs@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Purchased hard copies of the Queensland MUTCD only include:

- Part 2 *Traffic control devices for general use*
- Part 15 *Direction signs, information signs and route numbering*.

Superseded versions of the Queensland MUTCD can be requested by email to tmr.techdocs@tmr.qld.gov.au.

How can I get further information?

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