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The Traffic and Road Use Management (TRUM) manual is issued under the authority of Section 166 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995. The guidelines in TRUM shall be considered as ‘approved notices’ under Section 166 (2) of the said Act.

The design of, and the methods, standards and procedures in relation to every sign, signal, marking, light or device, which is contained in the TRUM manual, shall be considered as official traffic signs under and within the meaning of the said Act. These devices are erected by the Department of Transport and Main Roads and local governments for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic on the road system in this state.

The department has agreed in principle to adopt the standards published in Austroads Guides and the TRUM manual contains supplements to the Austroads Guides specific to Queensland.

Provisions in the Queensland Manual of Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) including MUTCD supplements, take precedence over the TRUM manual except when the TRUM manual has been published after the MUTCD (including MUTCD supplements).

The Queensland road rules are officially known as the Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009 and can be found on the departmental website.