

Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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About this document

This document sets out the terms and definitions used in the *Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (Queensland MUTCD). These terms are specific to road and traffic engineering.

How to use this document

This document is designed to be read and applied together with AS 1742.0-2023 *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 0* (AS 1742.0-2023). You must have access to the Australian Standard to understand what applies in Queensland.

This document:

- sets out how AS 1742.0-2023 applies in Queensland
- has precedence over AS 1742.0-2023 when applied in Queensland
- has the same section and clause numbering and headings as AS 1742.0-2023.

The following table summarises the relationship between AS 1742.0-2023 and this document:

Applicability	Meaning
Accepted	The Australian Standard section or clause is accepted.
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.

References

The following references apply when reading AS 1742.0-2023.

Reference to...	Means
AS 1742.0-2023	AS 1742.0-2023, as amended by this document For example, a reference to AS 1742.0-2023 means you must refer to the Australian Standard Part 0, and Part 0 of the Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Queensland MUTCD). Throughout AS 1742.0-2023, references are made to other parts of the Australian Standards (for example, when reading Part 0 you may be referred to Part 3 for further information.) In this case, you must refer to the equivalent Part within the Queensland MUTCD first. Check the applicability of the equivalent Part in the Queensland MUTCD before referring to the referenced Australian Standard Part.
QGRS	<i>Queensland Guide to Road Safety</i>
QGTM	<i>Queensland Guide to Traffic Management</i>
QGTMM	<i>Queensland Guide to Temporary Traffic Management</i>

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3 Terms and definitions

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Addition

Note:

For specified devices refer to [Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volumes \(QRSTUV\): Guide to Schools.](#)

3.089 Competent person

Addition

Note:

Competent persons must be appropriately authorised by a jurisdiction to perform that task within that jurisdiction. A competent person may only undertake activities in accordance with the *Queensland Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (QGTMM)* Part 8 Appendix A.

3.223 May

Addition

Note:

Where the word 'may' is used, it indicates that use of the device is conditional, or optional. Usually, no specific requirement for design or application is intended.

3.296 Pelican crossing

Not accepted

Pelican crossings are not approved for use in Queensland.

3.372 Shall

Addition

Note:

Where certain requirements in the design or application of the device are described with the 'shall' stipulation, it is mandatory that, when an installation is made, these requirements be met.

3.377 Should

Addition

Note:

Where the word 'should' is used, it is considered to be recommended use, but not mandatory. Any recommendation that is not applied must be based on sound traffic engineering judgement and documented.

3.428 Traffic control device

Difference

Replace:

Any sign, signal, pavement marking or other installation placed or erected by a public authority or official body, having the necessary jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

with:

Any sign, signal, pavement marking or other installation placed or erected under authority of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (TORUM) Act 1995*, for the purpose or regulating, warning or guiding road users.

3.429 Traffic controller

Difference

Replace:

Competent person authorized to control traffic movements through site works by means of a stop/slow bat, flags, lamps or other warning devices.

with:

A person who holds an appointment as an accredited person under Section 21 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (TORUM) Act 1995* to perform the functions of a Traffic Controller as prescribed by Subdivision 6 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2015*.

4 Queensland terms and definitions

New

Area parking control sign:

The type of sign used to delineate an area where parking control is by means of area signposting, that is, by signposting the entries and exits rather than by signposting individual lengths of kerb with linear parking control signs.

Bicycle:

A bicycle means a vehicle with 2 or more wheels that is built to be propelled by human power through a belt, chain or gears, whether or not it has 1 or more auxiliary motors.

High Active Transport User Areas (HATUA):

High Active Transport User Areas (HATUA) are areas that encourage social activity and are considered to have a significant value to the community by being a 'place' for people to gather.

Note:

Roads and streets that are considered to be within HATUAs have land uses and developments that generate or attract levels of pedestrians and people riding bikes that are considered higher than typical.

Official traffic sign:

Official traffic sign means a sign, marking, light or device placed or erected to regulate, warn, instruct or guide traffic to which the methods, standards and procedures are prescribed in this manual or are approved by the Director-General, Transport and Main Roads.

Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ):

A person who is registered as a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ), under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (Queensland) with the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland, to provide a professional engineering service.

Note:

A professional engineering service is an engineering service that requires or is based on the application of engineering principles and data to a design or to a construction, production, operation, or maintenance activity relating to engineering and does not include an engineering service that is provided only in accordance with a prescriptive standard.

Street type:

The designation associated with the name of the street (for example, Street, Road, Avenue).

Tourist region:

A geographical region designated and approved by Tourism Queensland.

