From 1 July 2015, Roads and Maritime Services will introduce a nationally recognised competency based framework into its suite of training courses for traffic controllers.

Q. What is happening?
Roads and Maritime is improving traffic control training in NSW by moving towards a nationally recognised competency based framework. The introduction of a competency framework is based on the Austroads research report, *Traffic Control at Worksites – Training and Accreditation* which recommends a set of standards, skill sets and units of competency for traffic controllers. From 1 July, only approved registered training organisations will be permitted to deliver traffic control training in NSW.

Q. What are the changes?
- All courses and qualifications will be linked to national competencies
- Only minor changes will be made to the Traffic Controller qualification and Implement Traffic Control Plans qualification
- There will be more significant changes to the Select and Modify Traffic Control Plans qualification and the Design and Inspect Traffic Control Plans qualification
- Only registered training providers will be permitted to provide training and assessments.

Q. What does this mean for stakeholders?
The introduction of a competency based framework will mean higher standards of training and a consistent approach to qualifications across Australia. Employers and participants can be assured that all training and assessments will be delivered to national competencies. This will result in a number of benefits to all stakeholders including traffic controllers.

The benefits to industry include:
- Quality training from approved providers
- Consistent training and assessment
- Recognition across all states and territories
- Flexible training and assessment options
- Opportunities for on the job training and assessment.

The benefits to traffic controllers/participants include:
- Quality training from approved providers
- Recognition of prior learning
- Recognition across all states and territories
- Flexible training and assessment options
- Opportunities for on the job training and assessment
- An easier recertification process
- Tailored training and assessments.
Q How will it work?

From 1 July 2015, only approved registered training organisations will be allowed to provide traffic control training and assessment.

All training and assessment programs will be linked to nationally recognised competencies and obtaining qualifications will not be restricted to a traditional classroom based training course. Traffic control qualifications can be obtained through a number of training and assessment options. Approved training providers will be allowed to provide tailored training and assessments to suit individual and client needs.

Q How does this affect traffic control training prior to the 1 July 2015?

There are no significant changes to the current suite of training courses offered. If you complete a traffic control training course before 1 July 2015, Roads and Maritime will recognise your qualifications.

Further information

Other fact sheets and information available on the Roads and Maritime website include:

- Fact Sheet No 2 Changes to the Traffic Controller qualification
- Fact Sheet No 3 Changes to the Implement Traffic Control Plans qualification
- Fact Sheet No 4 Changes to the Select and Modify Traffic Control Plans qualification
- Fact Sheet No 5 Changes to the Design and Inspect Traffic Control Plans qualification