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.

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.

Please refer to the *Changes to Traffic Control Training in NSW* fact sheet for more information about the improvements to traffic control training.

**Q What qualification is changing?**

Changes are being made to the qualification to Implement Traffic Control Plans, currently referred to as **Yellow Card** training. This qualification is for personnel who are required to setup Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGSs) also known as Traffic Control Plans (TCPs) in accordance with approved Traffic Management Plans.

**Q What are the skills and competencies required for the Implement Traffic Control Plans qualification?**

- Understand and make changes to a TGS/TCP to suit the specific road environment
- Adapt behaviour to the work site
- Know the basic function of the TGS/TCP system
- Adapt to all Work Health and Safety (WHS) and operational requirements
- Follow organisational and legislative WHS policies and work procedures
- Use the site/location assessment, distinguish topographical landmarks and carry out authorised risk control
- Conduct an onsite check of a TGS/TCP to identify any unexpected risks/hazards
- Able to interpret plans, that is, must be aware of the distance and measuring devices of the method
- Plan for emergencies that may arise
- Identify and select the correct type of signs and traffic control devices in line with a TGS/TCP
- Install and remove signs and traffic control devices, lane closures and advanced information signage, in line with a TGS/TCP
- Ensure spacing between signs and traffic control devices is in line with a TGS/TCP
- Maintain after-hours signage
- Understand speed, environment, type and class of vehicles, traffic density, sight lines, environmental conditions, weather patterns and surface type
- Maintain traffic incident reports
- Identify the type, date and time of a TGS/TCP implementation
- Implement a temporary TGS/TCP for emergency or unplanned works, or in-line with pre-approved generic plans or diagrams.
Q What are the units of competency required for the Implement Traffic Control Plans qualification?

- RIIWHS201A Work safely and follow WHS policies and work procedures
- RIICOM201A Communicate in the workplace
- RIIWHS302A Implement traffic management plan.

Q Will this affect my current Implement Traffic Control Plans qualification?

If you are currently working as a traffic controller, your current qualification will remain valid until its expiry as you are already demonstrating the appropriate skills and knowledge.

Q What happens when my qualification expires after 1 July 2015?

You will need to be recertified when your qualification expires. A number of options will be offered that may include on-the-job assessments or recognition of prior learning. Depending on your skill level, knowledge and experience, you may be required to complete a course or attend gap training.

Each person has a different experience and skill level. You will be provided the appropriate options when you apply for recertification with an approved provider.

Q What if my qualification expires before 1 July 2015?

As there are minimal changes to this qualification, you may enrol in the current course and update your photo card if it expires before 1 July 2015. It will remain current for a full three years and will be recognised by Roads and Maritime and employers.

Q I am new to the industry and I wish to get qualified before 1 July, what do I do?

If you wish to enter the industry before 1 July, you can enrol in one of the current recognised courses. Training courses are still being facilitated throughout NSW each week. You can visit our website for a list of current courses and a list of current providers. You can also contact our support team on 1300 828 782.

Further information


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

- Fact Sheet No 1 Changes to Traffic Control Training in NSW
- Fact Sheet No 2 Changes to the Traffic Controller 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