

## WORKSITE SAFETY - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND COMPETENCY



**This alert has been generated to ensure that all work undertaken on roads (whether on the roadway, shoulder or roadside) in Victoria meet the requirements detailed in the Code of Practice for Worksite Safety - Traffic Management for the provision of Training & Competency.**

Section 99A(3)(c) of the Road Safety Act 1986 requires any person conducting works on a road to 'engage appropriately trained and qualified persons to carry out the works or ... direct traffic'

### **Preparation and implementation of traffic management plans:**

As a minimum requirement, only an experienced Traffic Engineer or works manager who has either undertaken a course in traffic management planning, or has at least 2 years' experience in preparing traffic management plans, shall prepare, approve, review and/ or make modification to traffic management plans.

### **Traffic Guidance Schemes:**

As a minimum requirement, only a person who has undertaken a course in implementing traffic management plans (e.g. VBQU507 -

Implement and Monitor Operational Traffic Management Plans, or equivalent) or an appropriate refresher course (within the last three (3) years) should set out, implement, monitor and/or make minor modifications (as a result of any review conducted in accordance with clause 25 of this Code) to a traffic guidance scheme as required by a traffic management plan.

### **Traffic Control:**

As a minimum requirement, only a person who has undertaken a course in traffic control (e.g. VBQU506 - Use Stop/Slow Bat to Control Traffic, or equivalent) or an appropriate refresher course within the last three (3) years) should act as a traffic controller.

Personnel involved in traffic management and traffic control shall attend an appropriate refresher training every 3 years following the receipt of an initial annual certificate.

It is the recommendation of the ETU that if any of the above training and competency requirements are not met, work **should cease**. Contact your designated Health & Safety Representative, your local organiser or alternatively you Union OH&S Officer.