

# Traffic Management Reform program

## Approved Training Provider process

July 2023

Factsheet

**The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) is introducing a new approach to traffic management training to make sure workers are getting the skills and experience they need to work in a risky and complex road environment.**

The adoption of the National Training Framework for Temporary Traffic Management is one of the initiatives being delivered under the **Traffic Management Reform (TMR) program**. The TMR program aims to create a more consistent approach to how traffic management activities are planned and delivered, promote safety on the road network and reduce unnecessary congestion and delays around worksites.

### **Why is traffic management training changing?**

The traffic management training in Victoria is changing to reflect the new *Road Management Act (Code of Practice for Worksite Safety – Traffic Management)* (CoP).

The current traffic management training needs to be updated to make sure workers receive qualifications that corresponds to the standards and guidelines in the new CoP. This also gives

us an opportunity to improve how the training is developed and delivered so we can create a consistent and safety-focused approach to traffic management across Victoria.

Please note, the National Training Framework applies to the whole Victorian road network (including local and arterial roads, highways and freeways) as set out in the new CoP under Part 8 of the **Austrroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (AGTTM)**.

### **What is the National Training Framework for Temporary Traffic Management?**

The National Training Framework was developed in partnership with the national association Austrroads and all states and territories. It includes:

- **eight national training programs** supported by national and Victorian specific training materials, providing qualifications that are recognised across Australia

- all the tools and resources trainers need to deliver consistent and best practice traffic management training (including training materials and Teaching and Assessment Strategies)
- updates to training materials if any relevant Acts and Regulations are changed.

To support the National Training Framework, a new Approved Training Provider (ATP) process to make sure we have quality Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) training current and new workers. Austrroads will also oversee a regular audit program to make sure the new training courses are being delivered consistently across all approved training providers.

A new national register of ATPs and traffic management workers and their current qualifications will also be created and published on the Austrroads website. An official logo has been developed

for ATPs to use and make it easy for potential students to identify which RTOs are delivering the nationally recognised training courses.

Please note, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) will continue to have the same regulatory role when the new training model is introduced.

### What are the key requirements to become an ATP?

RTOs will need to be able to meet the following requirements when applying to become an ATP:

- **Delivery requirements**

RTOs must have:

- Confirmation of ASQA or VRQA registration
- Facilities needed to conduct the training in a face-to-face environment.
- Confirmation of partnerships with traffic management companies to deliver the practical components of the new training courses.

- Trainers/assessors with the relevant qualifications and experience, including evidence of holding the skill sets for each of the national training program they will be delivering.

- **Assessment requirements**

RTOs must be able to:

- Provide traffic control cards together with the Statement of Attainment.

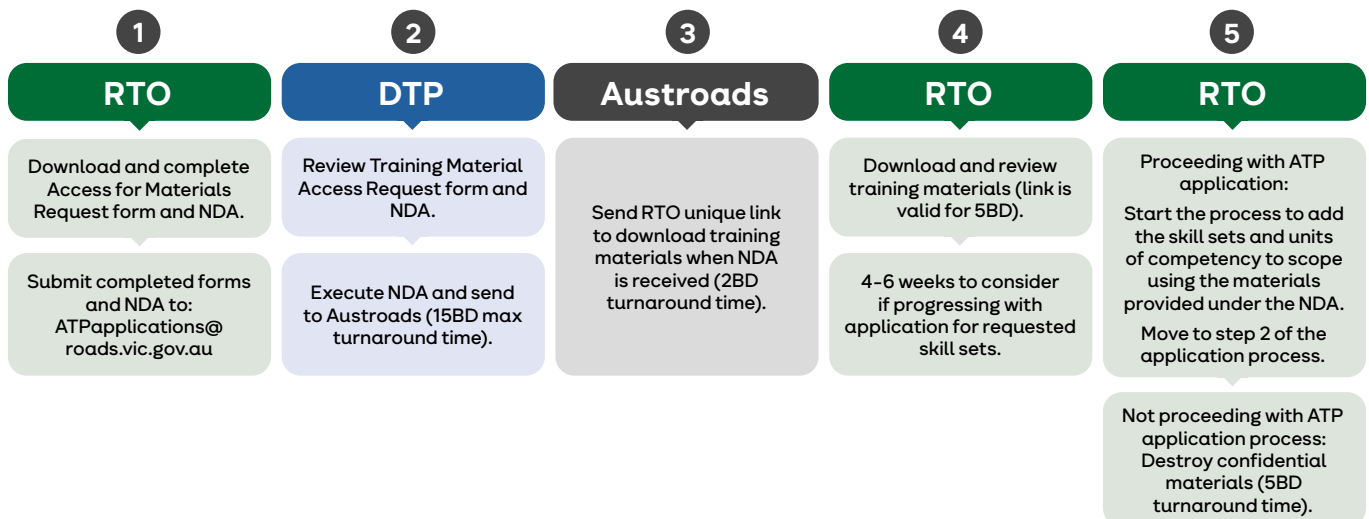
- **Maintenance of ATP status**

RTOs will need to take part in:

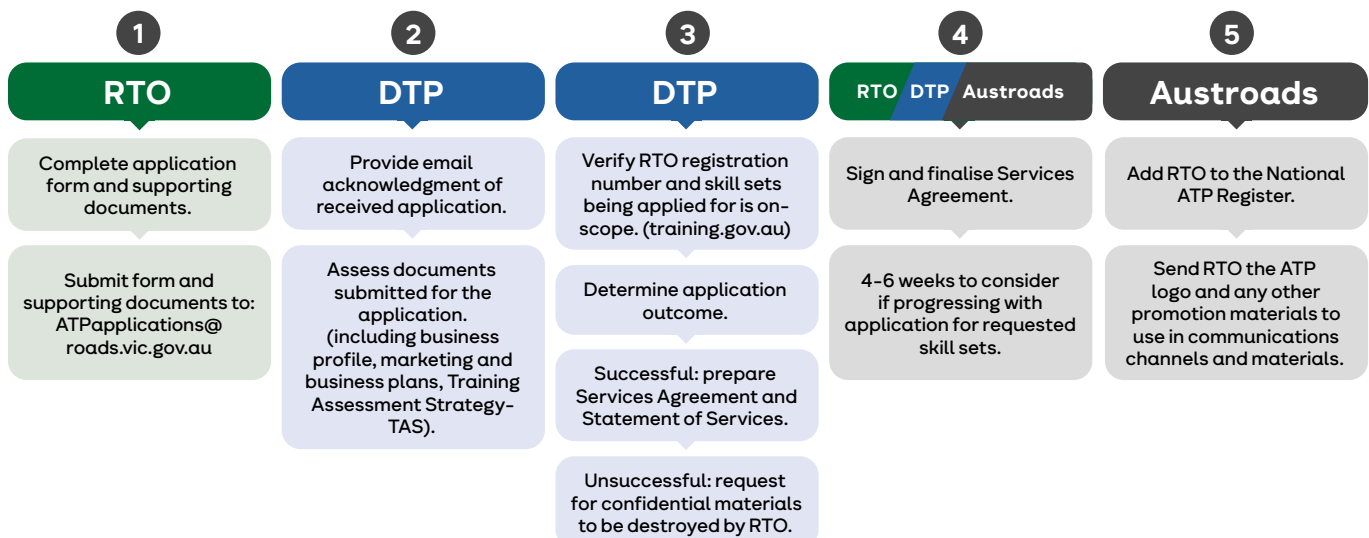
- Regular auditing program in addition to ASQA or VRQA's regulatory requirements.

**How can an RTO become an ATP?** The ATP application process will consist of two steps:

**Step 1.** RTOs will need to access the final versions of the training materials and decide which skill set(s) they would like to deliver as outlined in the below diagram. This will be facilitated by completing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).



**Step 2.** RTO completes the ATP application form and work with DTP to complete the process as outlined in the below diagram. The RTO must nominate at least one skill set to deliver when applying to become an ATP.



## Is there a cost associated with becoming an ATP?

- **Confirmed costs**

Austrroads will be charging a fee to cover the costs to run the auditing program, keep training material updated and maintain the publicly available registers. The fee will be payable by ATPs for each Statement of Attainment issued to a successful participant and ranges between \$50 to \$100, as set out in the [Austrroads RTO Operational Framework for Temporary Traffic Management](#).

- **Potential future costs**

DTP may introduce a fee to apply to become an ATP to cover administration costs in the future. Any changes to this will be communicated to the RTO industry ahead of any introduction.

Please note and ASQA or VRQA fees are not superseded by this training model and are still applicable where required.

## When is the new training approach starting?

The indicative timeline for introducing the new training approach is:

- **Second half of 2023**
  - Finalise the National Training Framework materials and Victoria specific training materials
  - Start the Train the trainer program
  - Open the ATP application process opens
- **Late 2023**
  - The new National Training Framework is introduced in Victoria and the new training becomes mandatory
  - National ATP database and auditing process is established
- **2023 to 2026**
  - Training transition period (new training will need to be taken as current qualifications expire)

## Where can I get more information?

More information about how Victoria is introducing the new National Training Framework, including the NDA and ATP application forms, are available on the [VicRoads website](#).

More information about the how the National Training Framework is being introduced across Australia, including the skill sets and the RTO Operational Framework, is on the [Austrroads website](#).

If you have any questions or need further information about the National Training Framework or the ATP process, please contact: [ATPapplications@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:ATPapplications@roads.vic.gov.au)