ROADS AND PAVEMENTS CAREERS | QUEENSLAND

WHAT'S A TRAFFIC CONTROLLER?



NO UNI. NO DEBT. ONE OF THE FASTEST JOBS TO GET INTO ON A ROAD CREW. TRAINED, TICKETED AND EARNING IN WEEKS, NOT YEARS.

YOU'VE SEEN THIS JOB — YOU JUST DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT.

IT'S NOT HOLDING A SIGN. IT'S RUNNING THE SAFE ZONE.



You've driven past them, the person in hi-vis turning the stop sign. That's a traffic controller. But the sign is the smallest part of the job. When a crew works on a live road, someone has to keep the cars, the trucks and the workers safe from each other. That someone is you. You decide where traffic goes, when it stops, and how the whole site stays safe. Get it right and everyone goes home. That's why it pays. You start on the bat, then earn your next ticket and set up the whole traffic plan yourself. That's where the money steps up.

THE SAFETY BOSS OF A LIVE WORKSITE

You read the plan, set up the signs and cones, work the radio, and make the calls that keep a whole crew safe. Real responsibility, from week one.

A traffic controller keeps the cars and the crew apart on a live road. The bat is just the start — the real skill is running the whole safe zone.

THE PAY

GOOD MONEY, FAST

Start around $30–38 an hour. That's roughly $65k–$85k a year. Earn your next ticket, add overtime, and $100k is real on the big projects.

TIME & SKILLS

EARNING IN WEEKS

No uni. No debt! Your ticket is a short course, a couple of days, not a four-year degree, so you're earning fast. Many employers pay for the ticket.

WHAT YOU NEED

A WHITE CARD AND A LICENCE

A White Card and a driver's licence to start. No Year 12 needed, no degree. Then a short TMR-approved traffic control course to get your ticket, and you're on site.

WHERE COULD A CAREER IN ROADS TAKE YOU?

FURTHER THAN YOU THINK.

WANT IN?

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A CAREER THAT GROWS WITH YOU.

Traffic control isn't a dead end — it's a doorway. Every ticket you earn puts you a rung up and more money in your pocket. Keep going and you're the one designing how a whole motorway keeps moving.

TRAFFIC CONTROLLER (TC) Stop/slow bat, day one, no experience	**$65–$85K**
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTER (TMI) Sets up and runs the whole traffic plan	**$85–$100K**
CREW LEADER / SITE SUPERVISOR Runs the crew, owns the site's safety	**$95–$115K**
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DESIGNER (TMD) Designs the plans for big projects	**$110–$160K**

*Salary ranges are indicative of industry salary ranges as of August 2026.

KEEP PEOPLE SAFE

You're the reason a crew gets home safe every night. Real responsibility, and real respect on site.

OUTDOORS & FLEXIBLE

Not stuck at a desk. Pick up extra shifts, nights and weekends when you want to push the pay higher.

ALWAYS IN DEMAND

Every road project needs traffic control. Your tickets work anywhere in Australia, and QLD is building more than ever.

From there you can run your own traffic crew, move into site safety and WHS, or manage traffic for whole infrastructure projects. The tickets you earn work right across Australia.



IS THIS YOU?

TICK THE ONES THAT SOUND LIKE YOU.

- [ ] You'd like to keep your crew and drivers safe
- [ ] You can chat to anyone
- [ ] You stay calm when things get busy
- [ ] You'd rather be outside than stuck indoors
- [ ] You want to be qualified and earning quickly

TICKED THREE OR MORE? THIS COULD BE YOUR JOB.

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