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1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991*.

2. Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on the day on which the *Acts Amendment (Events on Roads) Act 1988* comes into operation.

3. Categories of events

(1) When making an application for an order the applicant shall describe the nature of the event in respect of which the application is made and categorize the event as —

(a) a category 1 event — being an event which involves large public participation;

(b) a category 2 event — being an event which involves the racing of motor vehicles and does not involve large public participation;

(c) a category 3 event — being an event which involves the racing of non-motorized vehicles, an athletic event or any other event, other than a locality or street event, which does not involve large public participation; or

(d) a category 4 event — being a locality or street event which does not fall within categories 1, 2 or 3.

(2) If the Commissioner of Police is of the opinion that an event has not been correctly categorized by the applicant the Commissioner may —

(a) refuse to grant an order in respect of that application; or

(b) subject to subregulation (3)(b) but notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations categorize the event as the Commissioner considers appropriate and grant the order.

[Regulation 3 amended: Gazette 28 Nov 2006 p. 4913; 10 Jun 2008 p. 2460; 27 May 2016 p. 1557.]

4. Approvals

(1) Before making an application for an order for a road closure the applicant shall obtain —

(a) the approval of the local government of each district within which the road is situated; and

(b) where the road is vested in the Commissioner of Main Roads, the approval of the Commissioner,

for the closure of the road.

(2) A local government and the Commissioner of Main Roads may require the payment of an administrative fee before granting an approval under this regulation.

[Regulation 4 amended: Gazette 23 Dec 2014 p. 4931 and 4932.]

5. Occupier's consent

(1) Before making an application for an order for a road closure for a category 4 event the applicant shall obtain and record the consent of not less than two-thirds of the occupiers of land immediately adjacent to the road it is proposed to close.

(2) The record of consent shall be in the form described on the reverse of the application form.

6. Application for order

(1) An application for an order shall —

(a) be made by a person of not less than 18 years of age; or

(b) in the case of an application by a body, specify a person of not less than 18 years of age as the person nominated to be directly responsible for the conduct of the event.

(2) An application for an order shall be —

(a) made in the form of Form 1 in Schedule 1;

(b) lodged at the police station nearest to the place where the proposed event is to take place; and

(c) accompanied by —

(i) the fee set out in the Table that applies to the relevant category event; and

Table

Category event	Fee $
Category 1 event	240.90
Category 2 event	144.10
Category 3 event	95.70
Category 4 event	95.70

(ii) the approval, or approvals, referred to in regulation 4; and

(iii) the record of consents, if any, required under regulation 5.

[Regulation 6 amended: Gazette 28 Nov 2006 p. 4913; 23 Dec 2014 p. 4931; 2 Jun 2015 p. 1946; 27 May 2016 p. 1557; 26 Jun 2018 p. 2391; 21 Jun 2019 p. 2151; SL 2020/85 r. 4; SL 2021/109 r. 4; SL 2022/165 r. 4; SL 2023/59 r. 4; SL 2024/87 r. 4; SL 2025/136 r. 4; SL 2026/156 r. 4.]

7. Time for making application

An application for an order in respect of —

(a) a category 1 event shall be made not less than 6 months prior to the proposed date of the event;

(b) a category 2 event shall be made not less than 3 months prior to the proposed date of the event;

(c) a category 3 event shall be made not less than one month prior to the proposed date of the event;

(d) a category 4 event shall be made not less than one month prior to the proposed date of the event,

or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Commissioner of Police.

[Regulation 7 amended: Gazette 10 Jun 2008 p. 2460.]

8. Order

(1) The Commissioner of Police shall not make an order for a road closure —

(a) subject to regulation 3(2), if the application has not been made in accordance with these regulations;

(b) if the Commissioner has reasonable ground for apprehending that the event proposed to be held on that road may —

(i) not be conducted in an orderly manner or may occasion damage to public or private property;

(ii) create a public nuisance;

(iii) give rise in any road to an obstruction that is too great or too prolonged in the circumstances; or

(iv) place the safety of any person in jeopardy;

or

(c) if the Commissioner has reasonable ground for apprehending that the applicant or person nominated under regulation 6(1)(b) is not a person of good character.

(2) An order shall be in the form of Form 2 in Schedule 1.

(3) An order shall only be valid on the day, and between such times, as are specified in the order.

(4) It is a condition of every order that the person who applied for the order, or who is specified in the order as being directly responsible for the conduct of the event, shall be present at the event at all times the order is in force.

(5) The Commissioner of Police may —

(a) on making an order, refund the difference between the fee paid on the application for the order and a lower fee payable for an application for an order for the event as categorised by the Commissioner; or

(b) make an order subject to the payment by the applicant of the difference between the fee paid on the application for the order and a higher fee payable for an application for an order for the event as categorised by the Commissioner.

[Regulation 8 amended: Gazette 10 Jun 2008 p. 2460; 23 Dec 2014 p. 4932.]

9. Erection of barriers, signs and other equipment

(1) A road closure ordered by the Commissioner of Police under Part VA of the Act shall be effected by the erection and maintenance by the local government for the district within which the road concerned is situated of —

(a) barriers, being free standing posts and rails, or other barriers which are substantial and uniform in construction;

(b) signs, being substantial and uniform in design, with the words "Road Closed" or similar, clearly printed in black letters upon a reflective background; and

(c) such other equipment as the local government considers is reasonably necessary to effect the road closure.

(2) The costs of erecting, maintaining and removing barriers, signs and other equipment to effect a road closure are payable to the local government by the person or body who applied for the order for that road closure.

(3) A local government may waive the payment of all or any of the costs referred to in subregulation (2).

(4) Any costs payable to a local government under subregulation (2) may be recovered as a debt due to that local government in a court of competent jurisdiction.

[Regulation 9 amended: Gazette 10 Jun 2008 p. 2461; 23 Dec 2014 p. 4932.]

10. Offences

A person who —

(a) without lawful excuse removes or interferes with any barrier, sign or equipment erected under section 81D;

(b) at an event conducted on a road closed pursuant to an order acts in a disorderly manner for the purpose of disrupting the event; or

(c) incites other persons to commit an offence against paragraph (a) or (b),

commits an offence.

Penalty: Twenty penalty units (20 PU).

[Regulation 10 amended: Gazette 23 Dec 1997 p. 7440.]

Schedule 1

Form 1

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1974

APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER FOR A ROAD CLOSURE

(Reg. 6(2))

NOTE: Under the *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008* section 36(1) it is an offence for a person to give information that the person knows to be false or misleading in a material particular to a person performing a function under a road law.

1. Full name of body on whose behalf the application is made .....
.....

2. Full name of applicant or nominee making this application .....
.....

3. Address .....
.....

4. Date of birth: .....

5. Telephone Number: Home:..... Work: .....

6. Nature of event .....

7. Approximate number of participants .....

8. Date of event .....

9. Duration From:.....To:.....

10. Street/Locality event to be held at .....
.....

11. Street/locality event (see also requirement E on reverse of this form)

    (a) Total number of occupiers of land immediately adjacent to the nominated road or roads .....

    (b) Number of occupiers who have consented to the road closure .....

(c) Number of occupiers who have opposed road closure .....

12. Roads/road to be closed .....

13. Extent to which roads will be used (half/full carriageway) .....
.....

14. Exact route that event will follow (including starting and finishing points)
.....
.....

15. Date of previous event, if any, conducted at the location/route .....
.....

16. Date of previous event, if any, conducted by the applicant, club, group or organization.....

17. Race meetings and speed tests: specify each provision of each road law that the Minister is requested to temporarily suspend under the *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008* section 139 —

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.....

18. Any other relevant information .....
.....

19. I have read the requirements on the reverse of this application. The information supplied by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:.....Date: .....

20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL:

I.....

designation.....
approve/object to, this application on behalf of the City/Shire/Town of
.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Telephone:.....

Official Stamp or Crest:

21. COMMISSIONER OF MAIN ROADS APPROVAL:
I.....
designation .....approve/object to, this application on behalf of the Commissioner of Main Roads.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Telephone:.....

Official Stamp or Crest:

22. LOCAL POLICE DECLARATION:
I .....
designation.....approve/object to, this application.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Police Station .....

23. RECEIPT DETAILS:
The prescribed fee of $ ..... received.
General Receipt Number ..... issued.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Police Station:.....

REQUIREMENTS

(A) Applications are to be lodged at the police station nearest to where the proposed event will be held. The prescribed application fee is to be paid at the time of lodgement.

(B) To permit the relevant authorities adequate time to assess applications and organize resources, applications shall be lodged within the following prescribed periods —

(i) events involving large public participation e.g. City to Surf Fun Run, pageants, not less than 6 calendar months prior to the proposed event;

(ii) events involving the racing of motor vehicles but not large public participation, not less than 3 calendar months prior to the proposed event;

(iii) events involving the racing of non-motorized vehicles, athletic events or other activities of a smaller nature, not less than one calendar month prior to the proposed event;

(iv) events involving street or locality events which do not involve large public participation, not less than one calendar month prior to the proposed event.

(C) Where local government /Commissioner of Main Roads approval is required, the relevant declarations on the application are to be completed prior to the application being lodged.

(D) It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange with the local government for —

(i) the supply, erection and removal of prescribed road closure barriers and signs;

(ii) the payment of any associated fees and/or administrative charges.

(E) Where an Occupier's Consent Form is required it must indicate that two-thirds of the occupiers affected are in favour of the proposed road closure.

The consent shall take the following form —

OCCUPIER'S CONSENT FORM FOR A STREET/LOCALITY EVENT

It is intended to apply to conduct a street/locality event in,.....
between .....
(street/road)
.....and.....
(intersecting feature) (intersecting feature)
during the hours of .....and .....
on ....., 20 ...
The event is being conducted on behalf of .....
.....
(club, group, organization)

OCCUPIER'S NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	CONSENT/OBJECT

(F) Where insufficient space is provided relevant details are to be included on a separate sheet and submitted with the application.

[Form 1 inserted: Gazette 22 Feb 1991 p. 909-11; amended: Gazette 23 Dec 2014 p. 4932 and 4933.]

Form 2

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1974

ORDER FOR ROAD CLOSURE

(Regulation 8(2))

To .....

Address .....

An order for a road closure has been made subject to the following conditions and limitations —

1. Nature of event.....

2. The event shall not commence before ..... (time)

   on .....and shall conclude not later than (date)

   ..... on ..... (time) (date)

3. Locality where event is to be held.....

   .....

   .....

4. Road/Roads where event is to be held .....

   .....

   .....

   .....

5. Route that event shall follow (where applicable).....

   .....

   .....

   .....

   .....

   .....

6. The extent the event will occupy the road/roads (a) full carriageway, (b) half carriageway, (c) other, describe.....

.....

.....

7. This Order must be produced upon request of a police officer, officer of the local government or Main Roads Western Australia.

8. Other conditions and limitations applying —

.....

.....

.....

NOTE: (a) This Order does not permit liquor to be consumed in any public place whilst this event is in progress.

(b) No person shall obstruct the free passage of any ambulance, fire brigade vehicle or police vehicle during the progress of this event. Section 81F(1)(a) Road Traffic Act.

SIGNATURE: .....DESIGNATION
(Authorised Officer)

TIME OF ISSUE: .....

DATE OF ISSUE: .....

[Form 2 amended: Gazette 23 Dec 2014 p. 4932 and 4933.]

[Schedule 2 deleted: Gazette 28 Nov 2006 p. 4913.]

Notes

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Compilation table

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Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991	1 Feb 1991 p. 549-54	1 Feb 1991 (see r. 2 and *Gazette* 1 Feb 1991 p. 511)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 1991	22 Feb 1991 p. 909-11	22 Feb 1991
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 1997	23 Dec 1997 p. 7440	1 Jan 1998 (see r. 2 and *Gazette* 23 Dec 1997 p. 7400)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 1998	23 Jun 1998 p. 3344-5	1 Jul 1998 (see r. 2)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2000	20 Jun 2000 p. 3075-6	1 Jul 2000 (see r. 2)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2001	31 Aug 2001 p. 4887	31 Aug 2001
Reprint of the *Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991* as at 1 Feb 2002 (includes amendments listed above)		
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2002	28 Jun 2002 p. 3112-13	1 Jul 2002 (see r. 2)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2003	27 Jun 2003 p. 2527	1 Jul 2003 (see r. 2)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2004	25 Jun 2004 p. 2249-50	1 Jul 2004 (see r. 2)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2005	30 Aug 2005 p. 4056	30 Aug 2005
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2006	23 Jun 2006 p. 2224-5	1 Jul 2006 (see r. 2)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2006	28 Nov 2006 p. 4912-13	4 Dec 2006 (see r. 2 and *Gazette* 28 Nov 2006 p. 4889)
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Road Traffic Consequential Amendment Regulations 2008 Pt. 3	10 Jun 2008 p. 2449-67	30 Jun 2008 (see r. 2(b) and *Gazette* 10 Jun 2008 p. 2471)
Road Traffic (Repeals and Amendment) Regulations 2014 Pt. 6	23 Dec 2014 p. 4913-38	27 Apr 2015 (see r. 2(b) and *Gazette* 17 Apr 2015 p. 1371)
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2015	2 Jun 2015 p. 1946	r. 1 and 2: 2 Jun 2015 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2015 (see r. 2(b))
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2016	27 May 2016 p. 1557	r. 1 and 2: 27 May 2016 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2016 (see r. 2(b))
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2018	26 Jun 2018 p. 2391	r. 1 and 2: 26 Jun 2018 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2018 (see r. 2(b))
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2019	21 Jun 2019 p. 2151	r. 1 and 2: 21 Jun 2019 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2019 (see r. 2(b))
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2020	SL 2020/85 23 Jun 2020	r. 1 and 2: 23 Jun 2020 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2020 (see r. 2(b))
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2021	SL 2021/109 29 Jun 2021	r. 1 and 2: 29 Jun 2021 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Jul 2021 (see r. 2(b))
Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Amendment Regulations 2022	SL 2022/165 7 Oct 2022	r. 1 and 2: 7 Oct 2022 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 8 Oct 2022 (see r. 2(b))
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