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Welcome to Standards for Highways

On this site you will find many invaluable documents relating to the design, assessment and operation of highways.

Simply use the navigation links to access the following:

The Design Manual for Roads & Bridges (DMRB)

The DMRB was introduced in 1992 in England and Wales, and subsequently provides a comprehensive manual system which accommodates all currently published documents relating to the design, assessment and operation of highways.

It has been developed from a number of separate series of documents published by the Highways Agency, the Road and Rail Design Organisations of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They have been gathered together in a consistent series of volumes within a framework of requirements of quality assurance procedures.

The Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW)

The MCHW, first published in 1992, consists of several parts which include the Specification for Highway Works and its corresponding Method of Measurement, and the requirements of EU legislation which are mandatory for all Public Works contracts.

Interim Advice Notes (IANs)

IANs are issued by the Highways Agency from time to time. They contain advice on the use of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and the Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW) for the above works. They are used in connection with works on motorways and trunk roads in England and Wales. The instructions contained within an IAN.

Whilst IANs must be read in conjunction with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and the Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW) for the above works, any additions to documents in these manuals, they are not part of the DMRB or MCHW.

Routine Winter Service Code (RWSC)

Routine and winter service is the name for the work traditionally carried out on the motorway and trunk road network. It is now better described as the provision of a service which more adequately describes many of the activities traditionally referred to as routine and winter service. In the UK, the term "winter service" is also used and has been adopted for local authorities. The term "winter service" has therefore been adopted in the Code, which describes the activities on the trunk road network.

The Code covers the Performance Requirements for highways and trunk roads on the motorway and trunk road network. It shall be noted that nothing in the Code shall be taken to limit the obligations of any of its obligations to comply with legal and legislative requirements. It is also reminded that compliance with all relevant standards and codes of practice is required. Much of the work is covered by lump sum duties in many Maintenance or Managing Agent (MA) and Term Maintenance Contracts.

winter service activities are not covered by a lump sum payment, the NMM for bidding, allocation and outturn of funds for these activities.

The Network Maintenance Manual (NMM)

This Network Management Manual (NMM) replaces Volumes 1 and 3 provides advice, some mandatory instruction and guidance on good practice for the routine and winter service on the trunk road network. It generally covers all aspects of the maintenance service including the interface between the Highway Agency and its stakeholders.

The performance requirements for routine and winter service activities are set out in the Routine and Winter Service Code, referred to as "the Code", which is part of the Road Maintenance Manual. The Network Management Manual, which provides guidance to enable the Service Provider to achieve the performance requirements.

Technology Management & Maintenance Manual (TMMM)

The TMMM was published in March 2011, it sets out the Highways Agency's policy and maintenance of Traffic Technology Systems.

Further Technical Information

Information and downloads on forthcoming DMRB/MCHW documents covering Errant Vehicles, Air Quality, Gantries & Wind Turbines.

The Traffic Systems & Signing Registry

The TSS Plans Registry contains unpriced Highways Agency documents (tss).

The documents are prefixed with MCE, MCF, MCG, MCH, TR, TRG and TRS.

Future Documents Intro

Information on forthcoming DMRB and MCHW documents including Information for Suppliers.

Links

A collection of links to other useful sites including the Department for Transport's list of Sector Schemes, the 'Traffic Signs Manual' and our publisher's list of documents can be purchased.
