

Standard conditions for licensed gates and grids on Council roads

General Conditions

- Applications to erect a gate and grid on a public road will only be considered on roads that are a single lane bitumen road or are classified as gravel, form, unformed, unused and unmade. The road reserve boundaries may be unfenced or fenced on one side only. The suitability of a gate or grid will be recommended by the Director Operations based on the function / characteristics of the road, location, traffic volumes and potential future use of the road.
- The following traffic volumes will be used as a guide to determining suitability of a gate or grid –
 - Less than 10 vehicles per day for gate only applications.
 - Less than 50 vehicles per day for grid applications
- The gate and grid must be constructed to Somerset Regional Council's satisfaction and in accordance with any standard plans and specifications which Somerset Regional Council may develop or adopt from time to time.
- Construction of the gate or grid must be as detailed in the application or as detailed by Somerset Regional Council.
- The holder of the permit to construct a gate or grid must ensure unrestricted movement of traffic along the road during construction and installation of the gate or grid and must take all precautions as specified by Somerset Regional Council to prevent or minimise obstruction to traffic or risk of personal injury or damage to property.
- The holder of the permit must keep the gate or grid in good and sufficient repair as per Somerset Regional Council's current requirements. A gate and grid inspection guide will be made available to the permit holder.
- The holder of the permit must maintain the road for 5 metres on each side of the gate or grid in good and sufficient repair so that traffic is not impeded or obstructed and to prevent or minimise the risk of personal injury or damage to property.
- The holder of the permit must provide and maintain any signage associated with the gate or grid as per Council's standard drawings, Gate Approach Sign Layout SRC-ROAD-27 and/or Grid Approach Sign Layout SRC-ROAD-028.
- The holder of the permit must destroy any noxious plants or weeds within the maintained area of the gate or grid.
- Public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$20,000,000 is required to be taken out and maintained by the permit holder. It must indemnify Somerset Regional Council against any legal liability.

Gates

- Gates shall be 3.7m wide (minimum) and shall be of tubular steel construction.
- Gates must be installed in accordance with Somerset Regional Council's standard drawing, Gate Approach Sign Layout SRC-ROAD-027.
- All gates on public roads are not be locked to ensure unrestricted movement of traffic along the road.

Grids

- Grids shall be of steel or concrete construction to current Department of Transport and Main Roads standard grid drawings number 1561 and 1565. The grid shall be a minimum of four (4) metres in width on single lane bitumen roads, gravel and unformed/unused roads. However, the exact width of the grid will be recommended by the Director Operations who will take into consideration the function / characteristics of the road, location, traffic volumes and potential future use of the land.
- Should an applicant wish to install a grid which is not to Department of Transport and Main Roads standards, it must have certification from a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland.

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- Grids should be installed in conjunction with a gate and a side-track to a minimum of 3.7m width and constructed to a standard that is negotiable by normal two-wheel drive vehicles in all weather. Council may consider applications where the inclusion of a side track is not considered practical.
- All grids shall be installed in accordance with Somerset Regional Council's standard drawing, Grid Approach Sign Layout SRC-ROAD-028.

Responsibility of Permit Holder

- The permit holder will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of a gate and grid, ensure compliance at all times with the approved conditions and as per Somerset Regional Council's Gates and Grids (Application of Continuing Local Law) Local Law 2011.
- The permit holder will be required to carry out all work associated with the installation and maintenance of a gate and grid and in accordance with Council's standard gate and grid drawings SRC-ROAD-027 and SRC-ROAD-028.
- The permit holder will be responsible for all temporary and permanent signage during construction and/or maintenance in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

For further information, refer to Somerset Regional Council's, Gates and Grids on Roads Policy, OP/018.