

Road Safety – Speed Limits

FACT SHEET

This fact sheet provides information regarding speed limits within the region.

Speed Limits

Speed limits are set to advise motorists of the **maximum** allowable speed suitable for the particular road environment. However, it is everyone's responsibility to drive to the conditions, i.e. change your speed that is safe for the road and weather conditions. This is particularly important on gravel roads.

Default Speed Limits

In Queensland the default speed limit is 50 km/hr unless otherwise signed for urban areas and 100 km/hr unless otherwise signed for rural areas.

With regards to rural gravel roads, the default speed limit is 100km/hr however, there is an expectation to drive to the conditions.

From the above statement there is no requirement to install 50km/hr speed zone signs on local streets.

The exception is where there is a change to the speed zone on a length of road or at the end of a school zone and signage will be installed in these instances.



Repeater Signage

Repeater signage is used on higher order roads other than default speed limits to remind drivers of the posted speed limit. Examples include 60, 70 80 and 90km/hr speed limits.

Area signage

A non-uniform area wide speed limit may be implemented that encompasses all the roads in an area, unless signed otherwise within the non-uniform area. Signage is only required on the entry and exits to an area eg; Aldershot and Glenwood

Minimum Speed Limit

A speed limit lower than 50 km/hr in residential areas is possible but these are only provided in exceptional circumstances. Please refer to Australia Standard AS 1742.13 and the MUTCD Part 13 Local Area Traffic Management (LATM).

Shared Zone

A shared zone is a section of road with a special speed limit that is shared by vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. A speed limit of 10km/hr applies.



School Zone

These are used to regulate speed limits around schools and will have specified times that the speed limit applies.

