

## → Transit authorisation

To obtain a crossing place or to change the use, location or construction standards of your existing crossing place, you must apply to Transit for authorisation. The authorisation may include conditions considered necessary to ensure safe and efficient operation of the highway. Transit will send copies of the notice to the owner and the occupier.

## → Minister's Notice

When you are proposing to subdivide land or change its use Transit must also request the Minister of Transport to issue a notice of approval.

Transit will not put a request to the minister until the person applying can establish a right to undertake the proposal, such as the consent of the district council. The applicant must also be able to demonstrate that the proposal is dependant on access to the highway. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of either Transit or the minister to act, or by the conditions imposed by the minister in the notice, may object to the Environment Court.

Transit will forward a copy of the Minister's Notice to the applicant (or agent), and arrange for its lodgement with the District Land Registrar. The registrar records the information on any required new certificates of title. A copy of the notice will also be sent to the relevant territorial authority.

If you require any further information or assistance or want an email address, please phone your nearest Transit Regional Office in the Transit New Zealand Directory (see over).

## Transit New Zealand Directory

### Auckland Regional Office

9th Floor  
148 Quay Street  
P O Box 1459, Auckland.  
Telephone 09 377 7092  
Facsimile 09 307 6843

### Hamilton Regional Office

Clayton House  
109 Anglesea Street  
P O Box 973, Hamilton.  
Telephone 07 838 8220  
Facsimile 07 839 3461

### Napier Regional Office

Napier Library Building  
22 Station Street  
P O Box 740, Napier.  
Telephone 06 835 1750  
Facsimile 06 835 0283

### Wanganui Regional Office

Seddon House  
Park Place  
P O Box 345, Wanganui.  
Telephone 06 345 4173  
Facsimile 06 345 7151

### Wellington Regional Office

2nd Floor, Transport House  
275 – 283 Cuba Street  
P O Box 27 477, Wellington.  
Telephone 04 801 2580  
Facsimile 04 801 2599

### Christchurch Regional Office

Level 7, Education House  
123 Victoria Street  
P O Box 1479, Christchurch.  
Telephone 03 366 4455  
Facsimile 03 365 6576

### Dunedin Regional Office

Level 2, Skeggs House  
62 – 66 Tennyson Street  
P O Box 5241, Dunedin.  
Telephone 03 477 8527  
Facsimile 03 477 9237

### Head Office

Investment House II  
20 – 26 Ballance Street  
P O Box 5084, Wellington  
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Limited  
Access Roads

## Access to state highways

Vehicle access to property fronting a state highway is controlled by Transit New Zealand (Transit) on:

- Motorways where direct property access is not permitted.
- Expressways where direct property access is generally controlled by the presence of a segregation strip between the state highway and the adjoining property. In certain circumstances direct property access may be provided to the highway by means of a right of way over the segregation strip.
- Limited access roads where property access is confined to crossing places authorised by Transit in accordance with the Transit New Zealand Act 1989. (These roads are discussed in detail below.)
- All other state highways where Transit requires the construction of crossing places to its standards, and at safe locations. This is usually contained in the relevant district plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

## ? What is a limited access road?

Limited access roads protect the operation of state highways from uncontrolled property access which affects the safety and efficiency of the road.

The sections of state highway declared as limited access road are in areas with the greatest potential for further residential or commercial development.

At the time a road is declared a limited access road, all existing crossing places to the road will be authorised by a notice issued to the landowner by Transit New Zealand. The notice specifies the location of crossing places in relation to title boundaries.

Each parcel of land held in its own certificate of title must have road access. Generally, only one access to the state highway is authorised if reasonably practicable access to another road does not exist.

The first section of limited access road was declared in 1965. Currently, 3,850 kilometres of state highway have been declared as limited access road. This accounts for 37% of the entire state highway network.

## ? How will I know if my property is on a limited access road?

If your property is on a section of limited access road, it will be noted on your certificate of title held by Land Information New Zealand.

The limited access road sections may also be shown on the planning maps of the district plan held at your local council office.

If you are in any doubt whether or not your property is on a limited access road, you should contact your nearest Transit Regional Office (refer directory).

## ? How will the limited access road status affect me?

All vehicle and stock access to a limited access road state highway must be obtained from an authorised crossing place. The access to a property adjacent to a limited access road is affected:

- at the time it is declared a limited access road, all existing crossing places from the highway will have been authorised by a notice issued by Transit
- from time to time Transit may seek the closure or relocation of crossing places for safety reasons
- when it is required for subdivision.

In addition, you will need to consult with staff at your nearest Transit Regional Office if you want to:

- obtain an authorised crossing place to a parcel of land which had no formed access at the time the highway was declared a limited access road
- construct additional crossing places to the property
- change the layout, use or location of a crossing place
- subdivide your property.

## ? What happens when I need to have access to the highway?

You should discuss your intentions with Transit staff at an early stage of development of your proposal. If your proposal requires a resource consent from your local council, you should consult with Transit as an affected party before lodging your application with the council.

Transit will want access to be from a local road and not the limited access road. If this is not practicable, the proposal should minimise the number of accesses from the state highway, and all must be safe.

Transit will assess your proposal in terms of its net effect on the safe and efficient operation of the state highway. Transit has adopted safety standards including criteria such as:

- the adequacy of sight distances
- the proximity and use of nearby existing accesses
- the effects of the proposal on highway traffic
- the consideration and effort made to obtain alternative access from another road
- the mitigation measures proposed by the design of the proposal
- works carried out on the highway reserve.