

VEHICLE CROSSING POLICIES

Do I need to install a vehicle crossing?

You are required to install an appropriate vehicle crossing:

- To ensure that safe and appropriate vehicle access is provided and maintained by the property owner.
- To ensure that property owners protect footpaths, road shoulders, berm and underground utilities from damage due to the passage of vehicles
- To ensure that property owners prevent the flooding of their properties due to stormwater from the road and ensure that natural water flows along the road are maintained.
- To ensure that property owners prevent the flooding of the road due to stormwater from their properties.
- To prevent loose metal from rolling on to sealed roads and into the stormwater systems.
- If you are building a house or garage and there is an existing footpath outside your driveway.
- If required as a condition of a subdivision.

When the Council installs a footpath outside your driveway, you will be required to install a vehicle crossing if you have not done so already.

Remember a vehicle crossing adds value to your property!

In all cases it is the owner's responsibility to provide and maintain and appropriate crossing.

What type of crossing must I install?

Crossings must be made of concrete or cobbles in urban areas and may also be chip sealed in rural areas. If the road is a metal road, the crossing can be metal also.

Gobi block crossings may be considered in place of cobbles where there is no footpath.

The details of the crossings are set out in the document titled VEHICLE CROSSING SPECIFICATION.

What applications do I need and what fees apply?

By obtaining and filling out vehicle crossing application form from the nearest Thames-Coromandel District Council Office. The following fees are payable with the application:

Using a Contractor authorised to work without direct supervision	\$120.00 Incl GST
Using Contractors where supervision or inspection is required	\$215.00 Incl GST

Traffic safety issues **must** be resolved before you make your application. Our staff will be able to assist you in this regard.

Who is permitted to construct a vehicle crossing?

Any experienced person or contractor may construct a vehicle crossing.

Supervision or inspection of the work will be required to ensure that Council's objectives are not compromised. Council's supervision is not intended to guarantee the quality of work and does not in any way relieve the person doing the work of any of his obligations. Certain contractors have authority to construct vehicle crossings without such intensive supervision and we only carry out occasional checks on their work.

It will be advantageous for you to make use of these AUTHORISED CONTRACTORS. Our customer service staff will be able to provide you with a list of these contractors.

Can any contractor be authorised to construct a vehicle crossing without supervision?

Any suitably experienced contractor who is committed to working according to Council's specifications and has a satisfactory track record with Council may be authorised to construct vehicle crossings without supervision.

Do I need to get permission from other authorities?

If you are working on a State Highway in a rural area you must contact Transit New Zealand. Your work may also affect electricity or telephone cables, water mains or other services. You will need to be very careful about doing any excavation in the berm as damage to services can become very expensive or even dangerous. We would advise you to contact the appropriate utility authority. Your contractor may do this for you. The responsibilities in this regard finally rest with the property owner.

If you have reservations we advise you to make use of an experienced contractor.

What laws cover vehicle crossings?

The Local Government Act and Council's Vehicle Crossing Bylaw enable Council to control activities in road reserve, set standards for vehicle crossings and if necessary address problems caused by accesses.

Any person undertaking construction work must be aware of the framework of legislation covering traffic control and occupational safety.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS