

Changes to the Traffic Offender Intervention Program (TOIP)

Factsheet for TOIP providers

TOIP is a community based road safety educational program for referred traffic offenders. Referrals are made through the Local Court and Roads and Maritime Services. TOIP courses are delivered by not-for-profit providers approved under the remade Criminal Procedure Regulation 2017 (the Regulation).

TOIP aims to give referred traffic offenders the information and skills to develop positive attitudes to driving and safer driving behaviour.

New TOIP Operating Guidelines have come into effect under the remade Regulation. The Regulation and the new Operating Guidelines make changes to TOIP courses, and their interaction with the Local Court.

Minimum standards for approved courses

At a minimum, approved courses must be delivered on two separate days over two weeks and cover materials prescribed by the Centre for Road Safety. Courses can no longer be delivered as a one day course.

Prescribed materials may be obtained from toip@justice.nsw.gov.au

Reporting to the Local Court

Providers must continue to submit a report to the court once an offender has completed a course and before sentencing.

Court reports must specify which modules participants completed, if participant attendance was satisfactory and the participant's engagement with assessment or self-reflection tasks.

Benefits of changes to program delivery

These changes will mean there is less variation between courses across NSW. Course content will be standardised and will align with road safety messaging.

Evidence shows courses delivered over multiple weeks allow participants time to self-reflect and consolidate information, which is important for behaviour change.

For more information

Visit the website at

www.localcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au

Or email

toip@justice.nsw.gov.au