

Road Classifications

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This article sets out the available classifications for the road network.



The National Road Classification is managed as 'Hierarchy' in AWM which is an attribute of the road carriageway

National Network Road Classification (Hierarchy)

Code	Class Name	Class Description
NR	National Route	Main roads that link population centres in two or more Provinces and/or a main road traversing the entire length of an Island Province that acts as a collector road.
NM	National Main Road	Roads that link major population centres and districts to National Routes, and/or strategically important centres (main towns, harbours, and airports).
ND	National District Road	Roads within a single district that link population centres (villages) to areas of importance (large town centres, harbours, airports, markets, and hospitals) within the district.
NI	National Institutional Road	Roads within National Institutions (Army barracks road, or University compound roads etc...). These roads can include roads required for reasons of National defence and/or security reasons.

Provincial Network

Code	Class Name	Class Description
PT	Provincial Trunk Road	Major provincial roads connected to the National Road Network. Main links between different districts and between major provincial population centres within the same province. Links to provincial harbours, airports, and industrial areas. These roads have economical importance to the Province and the traffic usually includes heavy trucks. Trunk roads are usually sealed (or at least gravelled).
DF	District Feeder Roads	District links to the Provincial Capital and to other population centres inside the District. Links to minor ports and airstrips. The traffic consists mainly of personal vehicles and PMVs. District feeder roads are usually gravelled.
LA	Local Access Roads	Local links to the population centres in Local Level Government areas. Links between different villages. Local access roads are usually earth roads, often only accessible by 4WD. The main purpose of these local links is to allow access of the rural population from Villages to health centres, schools and markets.

Code	Class Name	Class Description
OR	Other Roads	Other roads not included in the National and Provincial networks, may include Private Roads (and later some of the present Institutional Roads). Other Roads also includes local town roads located within a Local Level Government Area, but not otherwise classified in the National or Provincial networks.

Proposed National Road Network Classification (Hierarchy)



As at August 2023 there is a proposal (as part of a Gazettal Process) to reclassify the National Roads into the categories in the following table. This article will need to be updated once the gazettal process has been completed.

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Currently there is no mention of what happens to National Institutional Roads. In addition the reclassification has only been completed for Roads in the Priority Corridors, all other National Roads (outside of the priority corridors) will need to be reclassified so that they align to this new model.