



The Government of the
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



Ministry of Works & Transport

DRAINAGE DIVISION

THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN DRAINAGE APPROVAL

The process of gaining drainage approval is outlined below:

1. A developer requiring design approval for a land development makes a submission to the Drainage Division in accordance with the division's general requirements / guidelines for approval. (Visit www.mowt.gov.tt for details)
2. A site visit is made and the design calculations and drawings checked. If the submission does not meet the design requirements, a letter is forwarded to the developer outlining the defects/ omissions to be corrected. Individuals are also invited to the office to discuss their submission when and if further clarifications are required. If the submission is compliant with the requirements then the drawings are stamped as certified and approved.
3. Following the design approval, the developer is then expected to construct the infrastructure (roads, drains, culverts, catch pits, outfalls etc.) in accordance with the approved drawings.
4. On completion of the infrastructure, a written request for inspection of the site is made by the developer to the division.
5. A site inspection is carried out to verify that the infrastructure has been constructed as approved.
6. If item 5 above is not satisfied, then a letter is sent to the developer outlining the defects/ omissions on site that are to be corrected.
7. When item 5 above has been satisfied, a letter is forwarded to the relevant Regional Corporation informing them that the infrastructure has been constructed in accordance with the design approval and of the division's non-objection for their granting of Final Approval.

Note: Final Approval is granted by the respective Regional Corporation based on the recommendation by the Drainage Division and other approving agencies.

