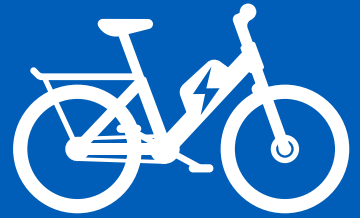


E-bikes

Laws from 1 July 2026



Electric bikes, also known as e-bikes, are vehicles assisted by a small motor when riding. E-bike rules are different to e-scooter rules.

Who can ride



Riders 16+

From 31 August 2026, riders must be 16 years or older. Exemptions apply.



Licence

From 31 August, riders must hold a valid driver licence (minimum Learner). Exemptions apply.



Only carry passengers if bike is designed for it.

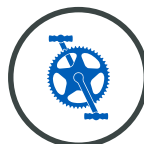
Legal e-bike device requirements



Compliance label mandatory by 28 February 2027.



Motor assistance up to 25km/h only.



Pedals are the primary source of power.



250 watt maximum continuous rated power output.

Where to ride & speeds



Permitted wherever bicycles can ride. Roads, bike lanes, footpaths, shared paths and separated bike ways. Follow the signed speed limits.



Footpath speed limit

12km/h limit on footpath at all times.



Shared path speed limit

12km/h limit when passing pedestrians. Riders can travel faster when pedestrians are not nearby.

Riding rules



Always wear a helmet properly fastened.



Leave your phone alone.



Don't drink and ride. 0.05 limit and RBTs apply.



Obey general road rules and signs.



Seized and destroyed
Illegal devices can be seized and destroyed by police.



Parents liable
Parents fined for children under 16 riding unsupervised, underage or illegal devices.



Fines

Significant fines of more than \$500 apply to most offences, including no helmet and doubling.

Illegal devices

Some devices are too high-powered to be legally ridden on Queensland's roads and paths. These are considered prohibited bikes. Riders can be fined more than \$600 for illegal devices and devices can be seized by police.



Internal combustion engine
E-bikes must have an electric motor of no more than 250 watts.



Throttle powered only

Throttle power is only permitted at speeds up to 6km/h to get started.



High-powered motors

High-powered devices with a motor more than 250 watts are not permitted. This includes high-powered devices that are locked to lower limits.



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