

REGULATING THE PERSONAL USE OF E-SCOOTERS AND SIMILAR DEVICES IN THE ACT



OUTCOME STATEMENT

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THE OUTCOME

By Christmas, e-scooters and other similar devices will be legally able to be used on certain areas within the ACT road environment.

The regulatory framework will:

- Permit use of these devices on footpaths, shared paths, bicycle paths and the bicycle side of separated paths. They will not be permitted on roads or bicycle lanes (except on residential streets where there is no footpath). Not allowing these devices to travel on roads, reduces the risk of a vehicle and e-scooter collision and aligns with the ACT Government's commitment to Vision Zero.
- Require users to give way to pedestrians. It is the responsibility of all road users to share the road and be mindful of our vulnerable road users.
- Permits unsupervised use by those 12 years of age and older.
- Does not permit carrying of passengers.



There are some minimum safety standards that will apply when using one of these devices:

- You must wear an approved bicycle helmet.
- You are not allowed to use a mobile device.
- You must not be impaired by alcohol.
- You must not travel at a speed faster than 15km/h when travelling on a footpath.
- You must not travel at a speed faster than 25km/h when travelling on any other permitted location, such as shared paths.
- You must slow down to 10km/h when travelling across a crossing, give way to other pedestrians on the crossing and keep to the left.
- You must have a warning device such as a bell fitted to your device or otherwise accessible to you.

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- You must have lights and reflectors on either the device or your person at night or in hazardous weather conditions.

People need to use their judgement and travel at the appropriate and safe speed for the environment they are travelling in, and be respectful to pedestrians and other path users. Sharing the road is everyone's responsibility.

HOW YOUR FEEDBACK MADE A DIFFERENCE

Community Consultation and engagement with key stakeholders informed the regulatory framework established for these devices. We used the feedback to ensure that key safety and accessibility concerns raised by the Community were factored into the regulatory framework.