

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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In Queensland all motor vehicles and motorcycles, including mopeds must be registered. This means one must register a moped before using it on public roads. Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance is included in the cost of moped registration which covers potential claims from people injured in an accident. These regulations do not apply to e-scooters and e-bikes resulting in this form of motorised transport being used without registration or the insurance to cover potential claims from people injured in an accident. The rider must also hold a valid learner's permit or full motorcycle license to operate a moped. And the minimum age to ride a moped is 16 years old the rider will need to complete Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) for the relevant motorcycle category. This requirement does not apply to the rider of e-scooters and e-bikes resulting in untrained and riders with little or no experience of the rules of the road. One would not expect electric powered cars to be unregistered, uninsured and driven by unlicensed drivers. E-bikes and e-scooters must be made subject to the same regulations as petrol driven mopeds to protect the general public from potential uninsured injury caused by untrained, unlicensed riders on unregistered motor vehicles.