

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

V56 - Motorised Scooters and Power Assisted Cycles

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This information bulletin aims to provide some clarification to assist members of the public in the legal use of motorised scooters and power-assisted cycles.

Motorised Scooter

A motorised scooter is typically a kick type scooter that is equipped with an engine or motor of some description.

Motorised scooters are included under the definition of motor vehicles in the NT *Motor Vehicles Act*. As motor vehicles, motorised scooters used on roads, or in public places, need to be registered and ridden by licensed riders. However, motorised scooters are not designed or manufactured to comply with registration requirements and national safety standards for road vehicles, such as Australian Design Rules (ADRs). Therefore, **they cannot be granted registration for on road use and may not be ridden on public roads or places open to the public.**

The issue of the use and operation of motorised scooters is currently being addressed nationally, with a view to developing an agreed set of legislative operating parameters for these vehicles.

Power-assisted Cycle

A power-assisted cycle is essentially a complying bicycle that has been fitted with an engine or motor of some description.

Powered cycles are defined in the NT *Motor Vehicles Act* as;

A bicycle/tricycle that is equipped:

- (a) with pedals as a means of propulsion; and
- (b) with an engine or motor which is capable of producing a power output not exceeding 200 watts.

These bicycles **are not required to be registered and can be ridden on the road network and in public places.** All regulations relating to bicycles, including the requirement to wear helmets, apply.

General Information

The use of motorised scooters and power assisted cycles on private property is not regulated.

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