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## Personal mobility devices

A personal mobility device (PMD) can be used on road related areas such as footpaths, bike paths and shared paths around Queensland. PMDs must comply with the following criteria:

- Be designed for use by a single person (no passenger).
- Be self-balancing (while in use).
- Be powered by an electric motor.
- Have 2 wheels that operate on a single axis.
- Have a maximum speed of 20km/h.
- Have a control to limit speed to 12km/h or less.
- Have a maximum width of 850mm.
- Have a maximum weight of 60kg when not carrying a person or load.

### Rules for using personal mobility devices

A range of conditions and restrictions apply to the use of approved PMDs on road related areas. People caught not following these conditions will be fined.

#### A PMD operator must:

- be aged 16 and over to operate a PMD unsupervised (fine—\$113)
- be supervised by an adult if aged between 12 and 15 (fine—\$113)
- wear an approved bicycle helmet that is securely fitted (fine—\$113)
- keep left when travelling on a path (fine—\$75)
- give way to pedestrians on a path (fine—\$75)
- keep left to oncoming bicycles and PMDs on a path (fine—\$68)
- have a working warning device, such as a bell or horn (fine—\$45)
- have a working flashing or steady white light at the front, a red light and a red reflector at the rear to use at night or in hazardous conditions (fine—\$44).

#### A PMD operator must not:

- travel faster than 12km/hour (fine—\$151)
- travel along a road unless there is an obstruction or it is impractical—in these instances a PMD is allowed to travel up to 50m on the road (fine—\$113)  
(**Note:** PMD users may stay on their device to cross a road at a designated crossing.)
- carry any passengers (fine—\$45)
- use a hand-held mobile phone while operating a PMD (fine—\$341)
- drink alcohol while operating a PMD (fine—\$113)
- travel past a 'PMD prohibited' sign (fine—\$45).

Local councils and land owners can prohibit PMDs in areas not appropriate for their use, for example in some malls, esplanades or jetties. The following sign will be displayed in these areas and PMD operators must not travel past this sign. Get information on where you can and can't use PMDs from your local council.



Full details of the conditions and restrictions that apply to PMDs can be found in section 244 of the Queensland Road Rules.

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