

# A guide to safer moped riding

Is your vehicle actually a moped? A moped is a motor vehicle running on 2 or 3 wheels that is fitted with a motor having a power output not exceeding 2kW and is designed to be ridden at a speed not exceeding 50km/hr under normal conditions of use.



## You must:

- have a New Zealand driver licence. If you hold a learner car licence or learner motorcycle licence, you can not carry a passenger on your moped, and must display an L plate
- ride on the road. You cannot ride on a footpath, in a cycle lane or on a cycle/pedestrian shared path
- have your head lamp turned on at all times
- follow the road rules for motor vehicles
- wear a securely fastened and approved motorcycle helmet at all times
- use a clear hand or arm signal when you intend to turn if you do not have indicators.

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## Riding tips

- Position yourself on the road like a car and ride in the centre of the lane.
- Keep up with other motorists' speed. If you are holding up the traffic flow, move left to let the traffic past as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Wear suitable riding gear - purpose made gloves and jacket, and closed in shoes are essential.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals, the same as everybody else. You must stop for all red lights and proceed through an intersection only when the light has turned green.
- Be considerate of other road users and watch for pedestrians, cyclists and hazards on the road.
- Ride within your own capability and confidence. Seek motorcycle training if you need assistance on your moped.
- For more information about moped laws and licensing, go to [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz)

**For more information contact:**  
Road Safety Coordinator  
Tasman District Council  
Ph (03) 543 8551

If your moped was first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 January 1991, it must be fitted with one or two rear stop lamps

You must register and licence your moped for use on the road. The registration plate must be clearly displayed and firmly attached at the rear of your moped

At least one rear reflector that can be seen from 100 metres

At least one rear-facing lamp that can be seen from 100 metres when turned on

A horn that can be heard from 100 metres

An exhaust system in good condition



# Required equipment for mopeds

One or two low-beam headlamps that illuminate the road for at least 30 metres

If your moped was manufactured after July 2000 it must have a rear-view mirror that gives you clear vision behind your moped

Your tyres must have clearly visible tyre tread

At least one service brake on each wheel

You may only carry a passenger if your moped has a pillion seat and passenger footrests

