

# E-BIKES: KNOW THE LAW



**To be road legal, your power-assisted bike must be one of two things:**

- **An Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC)**
- **A motorcycle**

**IF IT DOESN'T FIT IN EITHER CATEGORY, IT'S ILLEGAL.**

If your E-bike does not meet EAPC requirements or motorcycle regulations then:

- It may be seized.
- You may receive points and/or financial fines.
- You may be convicted and given a criminal record.



Familiarise yourself with the legislation by scanning the QR code:

You can legitimise a non-EAPC bike via the Vehicle Certification Agency



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# Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC): the rules

- Must be fitted with pedals to propel it
- Electrical assistance must cut out when cycle reaches speed of 15.5mph
- Electric motor must not exceed 250 watts (continuous power rate)
- Rider must be aged 14 years and over
- Bike must display both the manufacturer and continuous rated power output
- Must display either battery's voltage or bike's maximum propulsion speed



**Remember:** if your bike does not adhere to these rules, it is classed as a motorcycle and must be taxed, insured and registered by law.

	Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle	Motorcycle
Do I need a driving licence to ride my bike?	X	✓
Does my bike need tax, insurance and a registration plate?	X	✓
Can I ride on cycle paths?	✓	X
Can I ride on pavements?	X	X
Do I legally need to wear a helmet?	X	✓