
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument)

This instrument is made in order to enable a trial of electric scooters to assess their suitability for use on roads.

In Part 1, regulation 2 makes amendments to the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002, for an electric scooter being used in a trial, to remove the requirement for the vehicle to hold a nil licence and be registered with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency.

Regulation 3 makes amendments to the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1998, to remove the requirement for a driver of an electric scooter, being used in a trial, to wear a motorcycle helmet.

Regulation 4 makes amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999 (“the 1999 Regulations”), to permit full and provisional licence holders of an AM, A or B licence, to drive an electric scooter, being a category Q vehicle, as defined in the Regulations, under the terms of their current licence. Regulation 4(7) removes the requirement to complete the moped basic training under regulation 43(5) of the 1999 Regulations, prior to driving a Category Q vehicle, as it relates to electric scooters being used in a trial.

Regulation 5 makes amendments to the Traffic Signs Regulations 2016 to amend the meanings, found in Schedule 1 of a “cycle lane”, “parallel crossing”, “pedestrian and cycle zones”, “refuge for pedestrians and cyclists” and “toucan crossing”, and to permit an electric scooter, being used in a trial, to share those types of road spaces. Supplementary amendments have been made to the Schedules to clarify that signs relating to pedal cycles, also represent electric scooters, being used in a trial.

In Part 2, direction 2 makes amendment to the Traffic Signs General Directions 2016, to clarify that directions to pedal cyclists, also apply to drivers of electric scooters being used in a trial.

A public consultation was completed to inform the regulatory amendments, and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/legalising-rental-e-scooter-trials-defining-e-scooters-and-rules-for-their-use> .

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument due to the urgent measures being made. A full impact assessment will be published in due course.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been published alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.