E-scooter rules in Australia and New Zealand (May 2026)

	Western Australia	South Australia	Northern Territory	Queensland	New South Wales	Victoria	ACT	Tasmania	New Zealand
Allowed in public areas?	Share system and privately owned	Share system and privately owned	Only share system, privately owned devices can only be used on private property	Share system and privately owned	Only share system, privately owned devices can only be used on private property	Share system and privately owned	Share system and privately owned	Share system and privately owned	Share system and privately owned
Are public share systems availble?	Broome, Geraldton, Busselton, Esperance, City of Stirling	Adelaide	Darwin	Brisbane, Bundaberg, Mackay, Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Townsville	Wollongong, Forster-Tuncurry	Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo	Canberra	Hobart	Auckland, Christchurch, Queenstown, Whangarei
Allowed on footpath?	Yes, speed limit 10km/h	Yes, speed limit 10km/h, plus beaches speed limit 10 km/h	Yes	Yes, speed limit 12 km/h	No	No	Yes, speed limit 15 km/h	Yes, speed limit 15 km/h	Yes, must ride in careful and considerate manner
Allowed on cycle paths?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, speed limit 25 km/h unless otherwise signed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allowed on shared paths?	Yes, speed limit 25 km/h	Yes, speed limit 10 km/h	Yes	Yes, speed limit 12 km/h unless otherwise signed	Yes, speed limit 10 km/h	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Must dismount to use pedestrian crossings
Allowed on streets?	Streets with speed limit up to 50 km/h	Streets with speed limit up to 50 km/h, streets with speed limit of 60 km/h permitted where a cycle lane exists	Travel on streets is only permitted for up to 50m if there's an obstruction on footpath or adjacent areas	Streets with speed limit up to 50 km/h with no dividing line or median	Streets in share-system trial area only	Streets with speed limit up to 60 km/h	Yes, but only when there is no adjacent footpath, shared path or nature strip.	Streets with speed limit up to 50 km/h but only when no centre line or median	Yes
Allowed to board public transport?	Trains and ferries - yes, buses have size restrictions	No, due to fire risk, a review is underway	No	South-east Qld rail - yes bus and tram - no City Cat ferries - yes	No	State government has proposed to ban electric devices. Public consultation has been completed.	Buses - yes at driver's discretion. Tram/light rail - yes with weight limit of 25kg	No (buses)	Bus (AkTrans) - yes with e-scooters folded. Trains (Rail NZ) - yes, mus be clean, undamaged and non-
Maximum weight?	25 kg	45 kg	Share system e-scooters approximately 32 kg	60 kg	Share system e-scooters approximately 32 kg	45 kg	60 kg	45 kg	Not specified but wheels must not exceed 355mm diameter.
Maximum speed?	25 km/h	25 km/h	15 km/h	25 km/h	20 km/h	20 or 25 km/h (two different speeds specified on government website)	25 km/h	25 km/h	Must obey all standard road rules and speed limits. The maximum power output of device is 300 watts.
Age restriction?	16 years+	16 years+	18 years+	16 years+ and 12 years+ if supervised by an adult	16 years+	16 years+	12 years+ and under 12 if supervised by an adult	16 years+	No restriction
Helmet required?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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