

FREE GUIDE · 184 COUNTRIES

E-SCOOTER LAWS OF THE WORLD

Every country, sorted by continent. Is it legal, how fast, how old, helmet or not.

LEGAL

Legal nationally, with rules **(62)**

VARIES

Rules change by state / province / city **(16)**

MOPED RULES

Only as a registered moped: plate, insurance, licence **(63)**

BANNED

Private e-scooters not allowed on public roads **(11)**

NO LAW

No specific e-scooter law (grey zone) **(17)**

UNCLEAR

Not verified yet **(15)**

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THE QUICK VERSION

STRICTEST

- **United Kingdom:** private scooters illegal on public roads
- **Netherlands:** needs a number plate + insurance
- **Malta:** theory test + approval for every scooter
- **South Korea:** driving licence + helmet
- **Italy:** helmet, plate and insurance for everyone

MOST RELAXED

- **New Zealand:** no age limit, no helmet rule
- **Finland, Portugal, Sweden:** no minimum age
- **Norway:** pavements allowed
- **Switzerland:** no plate, no insurance

SPEED LIMITS

- Most of Europe: **25 km/h (15.5 mph)**
- Germany, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Ireland: **20 km/h (12.4 mph)**
- Japan: **20 km/h** · Singapore: **25 km/h**

HELMET FOR EVERYONE

- Croatia · Cyprus · Denmark · Greece · Italy · Spain · Israel · South Korea · all of Australia

Rules change fast and cities often add their own. Rental scooters can have different rules than private ones. Always check the local transport authority before you ride.

EUROPE

Detail rows: European Consumer Centres (2025) + 2026 law changes. ★ = home of @the.scooty.

Albania	BANNED	
Andorra	LEGAL	
Armenia	NO LAW	
Austria	LEGAL	25 km/h · 12+ (9+ with bike pass) · helmet under 16 · no pavements
Belarus	LEGAL	
Belgium	LEGAL	25 km/h · 16+ · no helmet rule · no pavements
Bosnia and Herzegovina	VARIES	
Bulgaria	LEGAL	25 km/h · 14+ (14–16 cycle paths only) · helmet under 18
Croatia ★	LEGAL	25 km/h, max 600 W · 14+ · HELMET FOR EVERYONE · €130 for speeding
Cyprus	LEGAL	20 km/h · 14+ · helmet for everyone
Czech Republic	LEGAL	25 km/h · 15+ on roads · helmet under 18 · 0.0% alcohol
Denmark	LEGAL	20 km/h · 15+ · helmet for everyone · DKK 1,500 fine without one
Estonia	LEGAL	25 km/h · kids' rules, no adult limit · helmet under 16 · pavements allowed
Faroe Islands	MOPED RULES	
Finland	LEGAL	25 km/h · no age limit (rental 18+) · helmet recommended
France	LEGAL	25 km/h · 14+ · helmet not required · insurance required
Georgia	NO LAW	
Germany	LEGAL	20 km/h · 14+ · no helmet rule · insurance sticker required
Greece	LEGAL	25 km/h · 15+ · helmet for everyone
Hungary	NO LAW	no clear e-scooter law yet
Iceland	LEGAL	25 km/h · 13+ · helmet under 16 · not on roads
Ireland	LEGAL	20 km/h, max 400 W · 16+ · legal since May 2024
Italy	LEGAL	20 km/h · 14+ · HELMET FOR EVERYONE · ID plate + insurance (2026) · no cycle lanes
Latvia	LEGAL	25 km/h · 14+ (bike licence under 18) · registration sticker
Liechtenstein	LEGAL	

EUROPE (continued)

Lithuania	LEGAL	20 km/h · 16+ (14 with training) · helmet under 18 and on roads
Luxembourg	LEGAL	25 km/h · 10+ on roads · helmet recommended
Malta	LEGAL	20 km/h · 16+ + theory test · each scooter must be approved
Moldova	LEGAL	
Montenegro	NO LAW	
Netherlands	MOPED RULES	25 km/h · 16+ · type approval + plate + insurance (most scooters NOT allowed)
North Macedonia	LEGAL	
Norway	LEGAL	20 km/h · 12+ · helmet under 15 · insurance · pavements allowed
Poland	LEGAL	20 km/h · 10+ (bike card 10–18) · no helmet rule
Portugal	LEGAL	25 km/h · no age limit (rental 18+) · no helmet rule
Romania	LEGAL	25 km/h, max 500 W · 14+ · helmet under 16
Russia	LEGAL	
Serbia	LEGAL	
Slovakia	LEGAL	25 km/h · 15+ on roads · helmet recommended
Slovenia	LEGAL	25 km/h, max 250 W · 14+ · helmet under 18
Spain	LEGAL	25 km/h · 15+ (since Oct 2026) · HELMET FOR EVERYONE (since Oct 2026)
Sweden	LEGAL	20 km/h, max 250 W · no age limit · helmet under 15
Switzerland	LEGAL	14+ with licence or 16+ · no plate, no insurance · helmet recommended
Ukraine	MOPED RULES	
United Kingdom	BANNED	private scooters illegal in public · rentals only in trial areas (licence needed)

ASIA & PACIFIC

Grey zone countries usually treat a scooter like a moped or have no rule at all.

Afghanistan	UNCLEAR	
Australia	VARIES	helmet everywhere · mostly 16+ · VIC 20 km/h, WA/SA 25 km/h · NSW private = illegal
Bangladesh	MOPED RULES	
Bhutan	MOPED RULES	
Brunei	MOPED RULES	
Cambodia	MOPED RULES	
China	VARIES	city rules · Beijing & Shanghai keep kick scooters off the roads
Fiji	MOPED RULES	
Hong Kong	BANNED	
India	VARIES	under 25 km/h: no licence, no registration
Indonesia	LEGAL	
Japan	LEGAL	20 km/h · 16+ · no licence but plate + insurance · helmet: 'try to wear'
Kazakhstan	LEGAL	
Kyrgyzstan	LEGAL	
Laos	NO LAW	
Malaysia	BANNED	
Maldives	UNCLEAR	
Mongolia	LEGAL	
Myanmar	VARIES	
Nepal	MOPED RULES	
New Caledonia	MOPED RULES	
New Zealand	LEGAL	max 300 W · NO age limit · NO helmet rule · footpaths OK
North Korea	UNCLEAR	
Pakistan	MOPED RULES	
Papua New Guinea	MOPED RULES	
Philippines	VARIES	
Singapore	LEGAL	25 km/h · 16+ · registered + certified · paths only, never roads
Solomon Islands	MOPED RULES	
South Korea	LEGAL	25 km/h · licence needed · helmet required

ASIA & PACIFIC (continued)

Sri Lanka	MOPED RULES
Taiwan	LEGAL
Tajikistan	BANNED
Thailand	BANNED
Timor-Leste	MOPED RULES
Turkmenistan	UNCLEAR
Uzbekistan	LEGAL
Vanuatu	MOPED RULES
Vietnam	MOPED RULES

THE AMERICAS

North, Central & South America and the Caribbean.

Antigua and Barbuda	MOPED RULES	
Argentina	VARIES	
Bahamas	MOPED RULES	
Barbados	MOPED RULES	
Belize	MOPED RULES	
Bolivia	NO LAW	
Brazil	VARIES	city rules (São Paulo, Rio...)
Canada	VARIES	province + city rules · Toronto bans them
Chile	LEGAL	
Colombia	LEGAL	
Costa Rica	BANNED	
Cuba	MOPED RULES	
Dominica	MOPED RULES	
Dominican Republic	LEGAL	
Ecuador	VARIES	
El Salvador	NO LAW	
Falkland Islands	NO LAW	
Grenada	MOPED RULES	
Guatemala	NO LAW	
Guyana	MOPED RULES	
Haiti	UNCLEAR	
Honduras	NO LAW	
Jamaica	MOPED RULES	
Mexico	VARIES	city rules
Nicaragua	MOPED RULES	
Panama	LEGAL	
Paraguay	NO LAW	
Peru	LEGAL	
Puerto Rico	BANNED	

THE AMERICAS (continued)

Suriname	NO LAW	
Trinidad and Tobago	MOPED RULES	
United States	VARIES	no federal law · every state different (e.g. California 15 mph, 16+)
Uruguay	VARIES	
Venezuela	MOPED RULES	

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Algeria	NO LAW	
Bahrain	LEGAL	
Egypt	VARIES	
Iran	BANNED	
Iraq	MOPED RULES	
Israel	LEGAL	25 km/h · 16+ · helmet required
Jordan	MOPED RULES	
Kuwait	BANNED	
Lebanon	MOPED RULES	
Libya	NO LAW	
Morocco	NO LAW	
Oman	MOPED RULES	
Palestine	MOPED RULES	
Qatar	LEGAL	
Saudi Arabia	VARIES	
Sudan	MOPED RULES	
Syria	MOPED RULES	
Tunisia	NO LAW	
Turkey	LEGAL	cycle paths + city roads up to 50 km/h
UAE	VARIES	Dubai: 16+, permit, 20 km/h, helmet
Western Sahara	NO LAW	
Yemen	UNCLEAR	

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Most countries have no scooter category yet, so the moped rules apply.

Angola	LEGAL
Benin	UNCLEAR
Botswana	MOPED RULES
Burkina Faso	UNCLEAR
Burundi	LEGAL
Cameroon	MOPED RULES
Central African Republic	MOPED RULES
Chad	MOPED RULES
Comoros	UNCLEAR
DR Congo	MOPED RULES
Djibouti	MOPED RULES
Equatorial Guinea	MOPED RULES
Eritrea	UNCLEAR
Eswatini	MOPED RULES
Ethiopia	LEGAL
Gabon	MOPED RULES
Gambia	UNCLEAR
Ghana	LEGAL
Guinea	MOPED RULES
Guinea-Bissau	UNCLEAR
Ivory Coast	MOPED RULES
Kenya	LEGAL
Lesotho	MOPED RULES
Liberia	MOPED RULES
Madagascar	MOPED RULES
Malawi	MOPED RULES
Mali	UNCLEAR
Mauritania	MOPED RULES
Mauritius	MOPED RULES

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (continued)

Mozambique	MOPED RULES	
Namibia	MOPED RULES	
Niger	UNCLEAR	
Nigeria	MOPED RULES	
Republic of the Congo	MOPED RULES	
Rwanda	LEGAL	
Senegal	MOPED RULES	
Sierra Leone	MOPED RULES	
Somalia	UNCLEAR	
South Africa	BANNED	no e-scooter category: effectively not road-legal
South Sudan	MOPED RULES	
Tanzania	LEGAL	
Togo	MOPED RULES	
Uganda	LEGAL	
Zambia	MOPED RULES	
Zimbabwe	MOPED RULES	

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This guide is general information, not legal advice. "Legal" means legal with rules (speed, age, equipment, where to ride). Fast or modified scooters (like 2000 W monsters) are usually NOT covered by these rules and count as mopeds or motorcycles.

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