

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276, SECTION 140)

ROAD TRAFFIC (BICYCLES) RULES

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Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

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“hours of darkness” means the time between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day, both times inclusive;

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Towing not permitted

3.—(1) A rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road —

(a) must not tow another vehicle, with or without a person in or on that other vehicle; and

(b) must not be towed by another vehicle.

(2) A rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road must not hold onto another vehicle while the vehicle is moving on the road.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Restriction on number of persons carried

4.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be used to carry at one time more persons than the number for which it is designed.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), but subject to paragraph (4), no person shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle unless the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle is designed such as to be provided with a seat for a pillion passenger.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(3) A child below the age of 12 years may be carried on a properly constructed seat or carrier affixed to a bicycle, trishaw or tricycle.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(4) No person below the age of 16 years shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a power-assisted bicycle.

[S 773/2004 wef 01/01/2005]

Riders to give signals

5. The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall in order to inform traffic that he intends —

- (a) to ‘stop’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the forearm vertical and with the palm of the hand to the front;
- (b) to ‘slow down’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand downwards, and move the arm up and down several times;
- (c) to ‘proceed to the right’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front; and
- (d) to ‘proceed to the left’ — hold out his left arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Signals to be made in sufficient time

6. Signals under rule 5 shall be made in sufficient time to enable traffic to take appropriate action for the avoidance of danger.

Travelling abreast prohibited

7.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be ridden on the right of a motor vehicle proceeding in the same direction except when overtaking that motor vehicle.

[S 773/2004 wef 01/01/2005]

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with a single lane must not ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in that lane.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(3) Paragraph (2) does not prevent the rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle overtaking the rider of another bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(4) The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with 2 or more lanes for the use of vehicles travelling in the same direction may ride the bicycle, power-assisted

bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) in one lane such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in that same lane and direction.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(5) The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with a bus lane must not ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in the bus lane during its hours of operation.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(6) When a bicycle lane is provided on part of a road, no bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be used on any other part of the roadway.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Cycling groups

7A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person must not ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle on a road in a cycling group that consists of more than 5 bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or tricycles (or any combination of them).

(2) Without affecting rule 7, a person may ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle on a road in a cycling group that consists of more than 5 but not more than 10 bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or tricycles (or any combination of them) if —

- (a) the road has 2 or more lanes for the use of vehicles travelling in the same direction;
- (b) the person does not ride in a bus lane during the hours of operation of the bus lane; and
- (c) the number of bicycles, power-assisted bicycles and tricycles in the cycling group being ridden abreast of another bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle in the cycling group is not less than the following:

(number of bicycles, power-assisted bicycles and tricycles in the cycling group $\times 2$) – 10.

(3) When travelling on a road in a cycling group, a person (*A*) who rides a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle in the cycling group must (unless there is a reasonable excuse for *A* not to do so) maintain a distance from any person (*B*) in the cycling group who is in front of *A* that does not exceed the distance that is sufficient for *A* to manoeuvre safely on the road.

(4) In this rule, “cycling group” means a group of persons —

- (a) with a common intention to meet in person for the purpose of riding any bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or tricycles (or any combination of them); or
- (b) who have an agreement or understanding to ride any bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or tricycles (or any combination of them) as a group.

[S 1029/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

Bicycle, etc., to be ridden on left side of road

8. A person who rides a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road must ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle as near as practicable to the far left edge of the road.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Load limitations

9.—(1) A person must not ride a bicycle or power-assisted bicycle on a road carrying a load that —

- (a) is of such dimensions as to cause or be likely to cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons using the road; or
- (b) is not properly and rigidly secured to the bicycle.

(2) A person must not ride a tricycle on a road carrying a load that —

- (a) is overhanging from the tricycle; or

(b) is of a height that is more than one metre from the ground.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Bicycle, etc., to be ridden in orderly manner

10. No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be ridden or propelled otherwise than in an orderly manner and with due regard for the safety of others.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

No riding against flow of traffic

11. A person must not ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road against the flow of traffic.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Lights on bicycle, etc.

11A. A person must not ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road, during the hours of darkness unless the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle —

(a) displays a white light that is clearly visible for a reasonable distance from the front of the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle, as the case may be; and

(b) displays —

(i) a red light that is clearly visible for a reasonable distance from the rear of the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle; or

(ii) a red reflector that is clearly visible for a reasonable distance from the rear of the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle when light is projected onto the reflector.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Restriction on nature of lights

12.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall show a red light to the front.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(2) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall show any light other than a red light to the rear.

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

Requirements for use of power-assisted bicycle

13.—(1) No person shall keep or use a power-assisted bicycle on a road unless the power-assisted bicycle —

(a) complies with the requirements specified in the Schedule to the Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles — Approval) Rules 2004 (G.N. No. S 768/2004);

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(b) has been approved and sealed in accordance with those Rules; and

[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]

(c) has been registered and bears a registration number plate in accordance with the Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) Rules 2017 (G.N. No. S 451/2017).

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(2) No person below the age of 16 years shall ride a power-assisted bicycle on a road.

(3) *[Deleted by S 65/2019 wef 01/02/2019]*

Wearing of helmets

14. Every person who —

(a) rides a bicycle or a power-assisted bicycle on a road; or

(b) is carried as a pillion passenger on a bicycle or a power-assisted bicycle on a road,

must wear securely on his head a suitable protective bicycle helmet.

[S 65/2019 wef 01/02/2019]

Brakes on bicycles

15.—(1) A person must not ride a bicycle on a road unless the bicycle is equipped with a working handbrake.

(2) In this rule, “handbrake”, for a bicycle, means a braking system that —

- (a) is applied by one or more hand levers affixed to the handlebars of the bicycle;
- (b) operates on either or both of the wheels of the bicycle; and
- (c) when applied, reduces the speed of the bicycle or prevents the bicycle from moving.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

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