

Ontario E-bike Law

Effective April 23, 2009 the Province of Ontario recognizes e-bikes as a power assisted bike. This ends the three year Pilot Program.

There are two exceptions:

Operators must be 16 years of age or older, and All operators must wear an approved bicycle helmet at all times.

- 1) No driver's license is required,
- 2) No written test is required,
- 3) No vehicle registration or plate required,
- 4) No requirement for motor vehicle liability insurance.
- 5) An e-bike is a bike that:

What makes an E-bike?

- (i)has steering handlebars and is equipped with pedals, and are operable.
- (ii)is designed to be propelled primarily by muscular power and to travel on not more than three wheels;
- (iii)has a motor that has a power output rating of 500W or less. (Note: the motor is electric, and is incapable of propelling the cycle at speed of 32km/h or greater on level ground, without pedaling.)
- (iv)has the proper label stating that it's a Power-assisted bicycle and meets all the requirements of the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations.

Can not ride on 400 series highways

For more information about Ontario e-bike laws go to the following link:

<http://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2009/10/electric-bikes-allowed-on-ontario-roads.html>

Frequently Asked Questions go to the following link:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/vehicle/emerging/e-bike-faq.shtml>

Note* Laws can change or be amended at any time. It is always good to do your own research.