

# HOW LONG WILL I HAVE TO WAIT BEFORE I CAN LEGALLY RIDE AN E-SCOOTER?

Before e-scooters can be legalised, the new law must go through an approval process by the EU. This process takes about 12 weeks so the government expects that e-scooters will be legal in Ireland at the end of 2023.



## WHAT ABOUT MY SAFETY?

While we wait for regulations to be finalised, it is important to remember that the use of e-scooters on public roads is still illegal. As e-scooters become a legal form of transport, it is crucial to use them responsibly and follow traffic rules just as you would if you were driving a car. An Garda Síochána have warned about the dangers of e-scooting with there being 16 fatal collisions involving e-scooters in Ireland so far. With this in mind, safety should be your top priority.



## ARE E-BIKES A LEGAL OPTION?

While e-scooters are still awaiting regulation, e-bikes have already received legal recognition. E-bikes with a maximum power output of 250W and a motor cut off speed of 25km per hour are treated just like bicycles under Irish law. However, any e-bike that exceeds these limits is considered an e-moped which requires a license, registration, tax and insurance.

It won't be long until you might be able to ride an e-scooter to school or to your friend's place, provided you are following the age restriction and other safety rules that will be put in place. Until then, it is best to wait patiently and stay informed on the latest updates on e-scooter regulations.

