

Information about motorised wheelchair use

To be used on Pedestrian Traffic Routes only

When using a motorised wheelchair outside of the home, for example on a footpath, the person using the motorised wheelchair is considered to be a pedestrian under the Queensland Road Rules. This means a motorised wheelchair (which includes mobility scooters) can only be used where a pedestrian can travel, referred to as 'Pedestrian Travel Routes'. In particular, a person using a motorised wheelchair, or any other pedestrian:

- must use the footpath or nature strip where available
- if there is no footpath or nature strip available, or there is an obstruction that needs to be avoided, the person must travel as close as possible to the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic (unless travelling on a one way street)
- must cross a road by the most direct route and use a crossing where available.

In addition to the above general rules, a person using a motorised wheelchair must also:

- give way to others when using a footpath or nature strip
- exercise due care and attention for the safety of others at all times, including travelling at an appropriate speed (which depending on the situation may be less than the maximum speed of 10km/h).

Registration requirements

A motorised wheelchair (which includes mobility scooters) can only be used on footpaths and other road related areas if it is registered. However, not all motorised wheelchairs are eligible for registration. To be eligible, the motorised wheelchair must:

- have an electric motor
- be designed and built for use by a seated person with mobility difficulties
- have a tare weight of 150kg or less
- not be capable of travelling at more than 10km/h on level ground.

If the registered operator is an **individual** the operator must:

- provide a certificate, statement or letter from a medical practitioner, registered occupational therapist or registered physiotherapist confirming that due to a physical or medical condition the person's mobility is severely impaired and they require the use of the wheelchair for assisted travel
- agree to abide by the Queensland Road Rules when using the registered motorised wheelchair.

If the registered operator is an **organisation**, the operator will need to declare at the time of registration that:

- the device will be used solely by the organisation's residents, shoppers, hirers or students who are in possession of a certificate, statement or letter from a medical practitioner, registered occupational therapist or registered physiotherapist, which confirms that due to a physical or medical condition the person's mobility is severely impaired and they require the use of a wheelchair for assisted travel
- any person using the motorised wheelchair will abide by the Queensland Road Rules.