

How Well Do We Know E-Bike Laws?



Insights from Hadron
Group's LinkedIn Network
on E-Bike Law Awareness

Average score



The average quiz score across all 57 respondents was 5.3 points out of 10.



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The majority of respondents were professionals directly or indirectly associated with the active transport sector.



Average quiz scores varied based on respondents' e-bike ownership (question 11) and work in the active transport sector (question 12).

Own an e-bike	Work in active transport	Quiz score (average)
✓	✓	6.4
✗	✓	5.5
✓	✗	5.4
✗	✗	3.9

The good news



Question 7 is the one most people got right.



Do you need to follow normal road rules and wear a helmet when riding an e-bike?



98% of respondents got it right.

Questions that people struggled with



The questions that got the lowest correct responses:

14% Question 6: Understanding the obligations of retailers for selling e-bikes in NSW

18% Question 3: The maximum legal power output allowed for e-bikes in NSW

33% Question 9: The speed limit that applies to any bike on footpaths or shared paths

Takeaways

with the caveats of a very small sample size and selection bias



The quiz results suggest that...



Owning an e-bike and working in the active transport sector improve one's awareness of current e-bike laws in NSW.



Simply owning an e-bike has little impact on one's awareness compared to working in the sector (and vice versa), but both are helpful.



Most importantly, the current laws in NSW seem unclear for e-bike owners and sector professionals (who got about $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of questions wrong, on average). Based on this, it is even harder for the general public to make the right decisions and adhere to laws when buying or riding e-bikes.

E-bikes are an increasingly popular and sustainable form of active transport that can play a key part in achieving mode shift on our road networks. But government must ensure e-bike rules are clear, accessible and fit-for-purpose to minimise the risk of injuries for pedestrians, riders and other road users.

Questions?



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