

Micromobility Device

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3.3 Purpose

This standard outlines the use of micromobility devices on Griffith University land, including all Griffith University campuses.

Micromobility devices are permitted to be used on Griffith University land so long as that use is carried out:

- in accordance with this standard, relevant Queensland road safety legislation (including the Queensland Road Rules, the *Griffith University Act 1998* (GU Act) and the Griffith University Traffic Management Plan)
- in a manner that a reasonable person would consider being safe, at all times.

Wheelchairs and mobility scooters are exempt from this standard.

2.0 Scope

This standard applies to all students, staff, affiliates, contractors and visitors when using micromobility devices on Griffith University land, including all Griffith University campuses.

3.0 Standard

Griffith University supports greener transport options as a means of travel to and from Griffith University campuses, with a preference towards the use of ride-share micromobility devices. The use of privately owned micromobility devices on Griffith University land is also permitted.

Users of micromobility devices on Griffith University land must obey:

- all signage relating to road/pathway use in general
- any instruction given by an authorised person in relation to traffic control under the GU Act
- all applicable laws, road rules and regulations, including the requirement to give way to all pedestrians on shared paths
- the Griffith University Traffic Management Plan, particularly section 3.4.

The use of a micromobility device on Griffith University land shall be for the purpose of transporting the rider from one location to another.

If the micromobility device is fitted with an electric motor or motors (whether the motor or motors are part of, or attached to the device) it must comply with the requirements of the Queensland Government "Rules for personal mobility devices, which can be accessed [here](#). This includes e-scooters, e-skateboards and self-balancing single wheeled devices.

Users should only ride micromobility devices on infrastructure, such as paved pathways and roads. Riding in garden beds, over grassed areas, or other landscaped areas is not permitted.

The use of micromobility devices within Griffith University buildings, including car parking buildings, is not permitted unless required to access parking or end-of-trip facilities for micromobility devices.

3.1 Safety

When riding a micromobility device, users should wear a bicycle helmet or a motorbike helmet, which is securely fitted and fastened. If required by law for particular micromobility devices, users must wear an approved bicycle helmet or motorbike helmet.

Micromobility devices may only be used on Griffith University land in a manner that:

- is in accordance with all applicable laws, road rules and regulations
- is safe for the rider and others, and avoids high pedestrian areas such as busy walkways or pathways
- is considerate to all other users of walkways and pathways
- does not cause damage to Griffith University land, including buildings or infrastructure
- does not cause a nuisance or disturbance to pedestrians and other members of the Griffith University community.

Users of micromobility devices ride at their own risk. Any damage to Griffith University land, including buildings or infrastructure, caused by riding inappropriately will be considered a breach under the Campus Access and Use Procedure.

All persons while on Griffith University land must follow all directions given by an authorised person in relation to traffic control and controlling conduct on Griffith University land. Failing to do so may result in a penalty, in accordance with the GU Act.

3.2 Riding guidelines

To ensure the safety of all riders and pedestrians on Griffith University land, users of micromobility devices must obey the following:

- Prior to your journey, check that your micromobility device is in good working order and properly maintained. For example, you should have an effective stopping system and a working bell, horn or similar.
- You should wear protective equipment, including a helmet as required by law.
- If you ride at night or in weather conditions that make it difficult to see, you must display lights and reflectors on the micromobility device, or on yourself, that can be clearly identified by other vehicles and pedestrians.
- You should use your full attention when riding a micromobility device. Holding or using a mobile phone while riding certain micromobility devices may be an offence. However, mobile phones can be mounted on handlebars, so that they can be used for navigation or as a speedometer.
- If your micromobility device is fitted with indicator lights, you must use them when turning, or otherwise signal with your hand.
- Be considerate when riding in shared zones and show courtesy to fellow riders and pedestrians. Always give way to pedestrians and slow down to less than 10km/hr when on footpaths.
- When you ride, you must obey applicable laws, road rules and regulations.

- Follow the road and riding signs. Don't ride past a "Micromobility devices prohibited" sign and observe campus dismount zones – these are marked on campus with "No riding: please dismount" signs.
- Always park micromobility devices in approved end-of-trip facilities in designated parking zones only. You must not block footpaths or clog public spaces when parking a micromobility device.
- When riding on Griffith University land, follow the approved routes as identified in the Griffith University Traffic Management Plan.
- Riding under the influence of alcohol is against the law.
- Micromobility devices are strictly for single person use only, unless the micromobility device is fitted with a trailer, which can safely tow a child. The child must be under ten years old and wearing a securely fitted and fastened helmet.
- If you have an accident or see a hazard, use the Griffith GSafe safety reporting and management system to report it.
- Follow Queensland Transport and Main Roads, Brisbane City Council, and Griffith University Traffic Management Plan and campus road rules where applicable.

3.3 Charging and Storage

When riding a micromobility device to campus, users must leave the micromobility device in a safe and responsible way in the end-of-trip facilities, existing bicycle cages, designated parking/charging zones or other dedicated marked location. This allows for ease of use for a user's trip home, the next rider hiring a micromobility device or to enable the hire company to access the micromobility device for service and charging.

Micromobility device batteries and chargers are not to be stored in any buildings including dorm rooms, on campus grounds, motorcycle bays or in car parks.

When using charging equipment to charge micromobility devices and batteries, this activity is restricted to purpose-built charging facilities, end-of-trip facilities and charging zones. Users must not charge micromobility devices and batteries in dorm rooms. This is due to the potential risks of fires and physical hazards.

The University takes no responsibility for any damage or loss of property when on campus. This includes micromobility devices while being stored or charged in purpose-built end of trip facilities and charging zones.

The University reserves the right to remove any micromobility device from Griffith University land where they present a hazard or breach fire safety regulations by way of securing the micromobility device to fence railing, buildings, structures (e.g. bike racks), or fire hydrants.

4.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

Authorised Person has the same meaning as given in the GU Act.

GU Act means the *Griffith University Act 1998* (Qld).

Micromobility devices means a range of small lightweight vehicles operating at speeds typically below 25kms per hour and driven by users personally (single commuter) including, but not limited to, the following list of motorised and non-motorised devices:

- bicycles
- e-bikes (including ride-share/shared bicycle fleets)

- electric e-scooters (including ride-share/shared scooter fleets)
- e-skateboards
- e-unicycles and self-balancing wheeled devices
- hoverboards
- manual scooters
- segways
- skateboards

For the avoidance of doubt, wheelchairs and mobility scooters are not considered micromobility devices and are exempt from this standard.

Queensland Road Rules means the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management--Road Rules) Regulation 2009*, under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

5.0 Information

Title	Micromobility Device Standard
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6.0 Related Policy Documents and Supporting Documents

Legislation	<i>Griffith University Act 1998 (Qld)</i> <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995</i> <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management-Road Rules) Regulation 2009</i>
Policy	Facilities Management and Campus Access and Use Policy
Procedures	Griffith University Traffic Management Plan Campus Access and Use Procedure
Local Protocol	Brisbane City Council's guide on personal mobility devices Queensland Government's rules for micromobility devices
Forms	N/A
