

Road Traffic Code 2000 Part 15 — Additional Road Rules for Bicycle Riders

211. Riding bicycles

The rider of a bicycle shall —

- (a) sit astride the rider's seat facing forward (except if the bicycle is not built to be ridden astride); and
- (b) ride with at least one hand on the handlebars; and
- (c) if the bicycle is equipped with a rider's seat — ride the bicycle seated in or on that seat.

[Regulation 211 inserted in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4599.]

212. Carrying people on a bicycle

- (1) A person shall not use a bicycle to carry, at any one time, more persons than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) The rider of a bicycle shall not carry a child in a child carrying seat on a bicycle unless the rider —

- (a) is at least 16 years of age;
- (b) has an uninterrupted view to the front of the bicycle from a normal seated position; and
- (c) has unhindered access to all equipment, required by this Part, to be fitted to the bicycle.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (3) A passenger on a bicycle that is moving, or is stationary but not parked, shall sit on a fitted seat designed for a passenger.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (4) The rider of a bicycle shall not ride with a passenger unless the passenger complies with subregulation (3).

Modified penalty: 1 PU

[Regulation 212 amended in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4599-600.]

213. Riding in a bicycle lane

Wherever a bicycle lane is provided as part of a carriageway, and is in a reasonable condition for use, a rider of a bicycle shall use that portion of a carriageway and no other.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

214. No riding across a road on a crossing

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the rider of a bicycle shall not ride across a carriageway, or part of a carriageway, on a children's crossing, marked foot crossing or pedestrian crossing.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) The rider of a bicycle may ride across a carriageway, or part of a carriageway, on a marked foot crossing if that crossing displays bicycle crossing lights and those lights are green.

215A. Entering a bicycle storage area on a bicycle

- (1) The rider of a bicycle approaching a bicycle storage area at an intersection that has traffic-control signals showing a circular red signal or red arrow signal shall not enter the bicycle storage area other than from a bicycle lane.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply if the bicycle storage area does not have a bicycle lane leading into it.

[Regulation 215A inserted in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4600.]

215B. Giving way while entering or in a bicycle storage area on a bicycle

- (1) When entering a bicycle storage area, the rider of a bicycle shall give way to —
 - (a) any vehicle that is in the area; and
 - (b) if the area is subject to a green or yellow traffic-control signal — any motor vehicle that is entering or about to enter the area, unless the motor vehicle is turning in a direction that is subject to a red traffic arrow; and
 - (c) if the area forms part of a lane to which traffic-control signal arrows apply — any motor vehicle that is entering or about to enter the area at a time when those arrows are green or yellow.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

- (2) The rider of a bicycle in a bicycle storage area that extends across more than one lane of a multi-lane carriageway shall, if the area is subject to a green or yellow traffic signal, give way to a motor vehicle that is in any lane other than the lane that the bicycle is directly in front of, unless the motor vehicle is turning in a direction that is subject to a red arrow signal.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

[Regulation 215A inserted in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4600-1.]

215. Riding on the wrong part of a separated footpath

The rider of a bicycle shall not ride on a part of a separated footpath designated for the use of pedestrians only.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

216. Shared paths and separated footpaths

- (1) The rider of a bicycle who is 12 years of age or older shall not ride on a footpath, that is not a shared path or a separated footpath.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) The rider of a bicycle who is on a separated footpath or a shared path shall give way to a pedestrian who is on, or is crossing, the separated footpath or shared path.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (3) The rider of a bicycle riding on a separated footpath or shared path shall keep to the left of the separated footpath or shared path unless it is impracticable to do so.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (4) A person shall not ride a bicycle on a separated footpath or a shared path so that the bicycle is travelling abreast of any other bicycle on the path.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (5) Subregulation (4) does not prevent a cyclist from overtaking or passing other persons riding bicycles on the path.

- (6) For the purposes of this regulation, a bicycle is *abreast* of another bicycle if any part of it is by the side of any part of the other.

[Regulation 216 amended in Gazette 1 Dec 2000 p. 6754.]

217. Riding to the left of oncoming bicycle riders on a path

The rider of a bicycle riding on a path shall keep to the left of any oncoming bicycle rider on the path.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

218. No bicycles signs and markings

- (1) The rider of a bicycle shall not ride on a length of carriageway or path to which a “no bicycles” sign, or a “no bicycles” road marking, applies.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) A “no bicycles” sign, or a “no bicycles” road marking, applies to a length of carriageway or path beginning at the sign or marking and ending at the nearest of the following:

- (a) a “bicycle path” sign or “bicycle path” road marking;
- (b) a “bicycle lane” sign;
- (c) a “separated footpath” sign or “separated footpath” road marking;
- (d) a “shared path” sign;

- (e) an “end no bicycles” sign;
(f) the next intersection.

No bicycles sign
(circle and slash in red)



Bicycle path sign



Bicycle lane sign



Separated footpath sign



Shared path sign



End no bicycles sign
(circle and slash in red)



219. Bicycle riders not to cause an obstruction

- (1) The rider of a bicycle shall not unreasonably obstruct or prevent the free passage of a vehicle or pedestrian by moving into the path of the vehicle or a pedestrian.
- (2) A person shall not leave a bicycle in or upon a road so as to become an obstruction.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

220. Towing of bicycles

- (1) The rider of a bicycle shall not attach himself or herself to, or permit himself or herself to be drawn by, any other vehicle.
- (2) The driver of a vehicle shall not permit the rider of a bicycle to attach himself or herself to, or be drawn by, the vehicle.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

221. Riding too close behind a motor vehicle

A person shall not ride a bicycle within 2 m of the rear of a motor vehicle, over a distance of more than 200 m.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

222. Protective helmets to be worn

(1) In this regulation and in regulation 223 —

protective helmet means a helmet that is, or is of a standard or type that is, approved by the Director General, for the purposes of this regulation, by notice in the *Government Gazette*.

(2) Except as provided in this regulation, a person shall not ride a bicycle on a road or any path unless —

- (a) that person is wearing a protective helmet securely fastened on his or her head; and
- (b) where any other person is being carried on that bicycle, that other person is wearing a protective helmet securely fastened on his or her head.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

(3) Subregulation (2) does not apply to a person who —

- (a) is a member of a religious or cultural group and who is wearing a headdress customarily worn by members of that group, if the wearing of that headdress makes it impractical for a person to wear a protective helmet; or
- (b) has been exempted in writing by the Director General from wearing a protective helmet for medical reasons, and is complying with any terms and conditions of that exemption.

(4) The Director General may at any time, by notice in writing to the person, amend or revoke an exemption granted under subregulation (3)(b).

(5) Subregulation (2)(b) does not apply to a person riding a three or four-wheeled bicycle who is carrying a paying passenger.

[Regulation 222 amended in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4601.]

222A. Power assisted pedal cycles, protective helmets to be worn when riding

(1) In this regulation —

protective helmet means a helmet that is, or is of a standard or type that is, approved by the Director General, for the purposes of regulation 222, by notice in the *Government Gazette*.

(2) A person must not ride, on a road or any path, a power assisted pedal cycle with the power assistance engaged unless that person is wearing a protective helmet securely fastened on his or her head.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (3) A person must not ride, on a road or any path, a power assisted pedal cycle with the power assistance engaged unless the person ensures that any other person being carried on the power assisted pedal cycle is wearing a protective helmet securely fastened on his or her head.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

[(4) *deleted*]

[Regulation 222A inserted in Gazette 8 Feb 2008 p. 318; amended in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4601.]

223A. Passengers to wear protective helmets

- (1) In this regulation —
protective helmet has the meaning given in regulation 222(1).
- (2) A person must wear a protective helmet securely fastened on his or her head when being carried as a passenger on a bicycle.
Modified penalty: 1 PU
- (3) A person must wear a protective helmet securely fastened on his or her head when being carried as a passenger on a power assisted pedal cycle.
Modified penalty: 1 PU
- (4) Subregulations (2) and (3) do not apply to a person who is exempt from wearing a protective helmet under the provisions of regulation 222(3).
- (5) Subregulation (2) does not apply to a paying passenger on a three or four-wheeled bicycle.

[Regulation 223A inserted in Gazette 13 Nov 2009 p. 4601-2.]

223. Riding with a person on a bicycle trailer

- (1) The rider of a bicycle shall not tow a bicycle trailer with a person in or on the bicycle trailer, unless —
 - (a) the rider is 16 years of age, or older;
 - (b) the person in or on the bicycle trailer is under 10 years of age;
 - (c) the bicycle trailer can safely carry the person; and
 - (d) the person in or on the bicycle trailer is wearing a protective helmet securely fitted and fastened on the person's head.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) Subregulation (1)(d) does not apply to a person who is exempt from wearing a protective helmet under the provisions of regulation 222(3).
- (3) In this regulation —
bicycle trailer means a vehicle that is built to be towed, or is towed, by a bicycle;
protective helmet has the meaning given in regulation 222(1).

224. Lights and other equipment on bicycles

- (1) A person shall not ride a bicycle during the hours of darkness, or in hazardous weather conditions causing reduced visibility, unless the bicycle, or the rider, displays —
- (a) a flashing or steady white light that is clearly visible for at least 200 m from the front of the bicycle;
 - (b) a flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200 m from the rear of the bicycle; and
 - (c) a red reflector that is clearly visible for at least 50 m from the rear of the bicycle when light is projected onto it by a vehicle's headlight on low-beam.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

- (2) A person shall not ride a bicycle that does not have —
- (a) at least one effective brake; and
 - (b) a bell, horn, or similar warning device, in working order.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

225. Red bicycle crossing lights

The rider of a bicycle approaching a carriageway with bicycle crossing lights shall not enter that carriageway if —

- (a) a static red bicycle crossing light facing the rider is displayed; or
- (b) a red bicycle crossing light facing the rider is flashing.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

Example

Red bicycle crossing light
(bicycle symbol in red)



Green bicycle crossing light
(bicycle symbol in green)



[Regulation 225 inserted in Gazette 23 Sep 2003 p. 4168-9; amended in Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5821.]

226. Stopping for a yellow bicycle crossing light

- (1) If the rider of a bicycle is approaching bicycle crossing lights showing a yellow bicycle crossing light and the rider can stop safely before reaching the bicycle crossing lights, the bicycle rider shall stop before reaching the lights.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) If the rider of a bicycle has stopped before reaching bicycle crossing lights showing a yellow bicycle crossing light, and the lights change to red, the bicycle rider shall not proceed until —
- (a) the bicycle crossing lights change to green; or
 - (b) neither a red nor a yellow bicycle light is showing.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

Yellow bicycle crossing light

(bicycle symbol in yellow)



[Regulation 226 amended in Gazette 22 Dec 2006 p. 5821.]

227. Proceeding when bicycle crossing lights change to yellow or red

- (1) If bicycle crossing lights at an intersection change from green to yellow while a rider of a bicycle is in the intersection, the rider shall finish crossing the intersection as soon as the rider can do so safely.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (2) If bicycle crossing lights at a place on a carriageway where the rider of a bicycle is crossing the carriageway change from green to yellow while the rider is on the carriageway, the rider shall cross the carriageway as soon as the rider can do so safely.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (3) If bicycle crossing lights at an intersection change from green to red (static or flashing) while a rider of a bicycle is in the intersection, the rider shall proceed to the nearest kerb, island or median strip and not continue until the bicycle crossing lights are green.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (4) If bicycle crossing lights at a place on a carriageway where the rider of a bicycle is crossing the carriageway change from green to red (static or flashing) while the rider is on the carriageway, the rider shall proceed to the nearest kerb, island or median strip and not continue until the bicycle crossing lights are green.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

- (5) Despite this regulation, if a rider cannot operate the bicycle crossing lights from a kerb, island or median strip, that rider may cross to the far side of the carriageway when —

- (a) the traffic-control signals display a circular green signal or a flashing circular yellow signal, or there is no circular red signal showing; and

(b) it is safe to do so.

[Regulation 227 amended in Gazette 23 Sep 2003 p. 4169.]

228. Riding a power assisted pedal cycle with power assistance engaged

A person under 16 years of age shall not ride a power assisted pedal cycle with the power assistance engaged.

Modified penalty: 1 PU

229. Proper control of bicycles

A person shall not on any road or path —

- (a) ride a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or alcohol and drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the bicycle; or
- (b) ride a bicycle recklessly or without due care and attention.

Modified penalty: 2 PU

[Regulation 229 amended in Gazette 23 Sep 2003 p. 4169.]
