

CLASS I MOPEDS

MAIN POINTS REGARDING USE AND SAFETY



WHAT KIND OF MOTORCYCLES ARE THESE?



Class I mopeds are two-, three-, or four-wheeled motor vehicles that do not exceed 25 km/h. They can be powered by electricity or other sources of energy. This is based on the maximum speed stated by the manufacturer of the motorcycle.

There are many different types of Class I mopeds. Above, you can see some examples.

WHAT IS THE AGE LIMIT? The driver must be at least 13 years old.

DO I NEED A DRIVING LICENSE? No driving instruction or driving license is required.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT? The moped is not designed for faster speeds than 25 km/h.

ARE PASSENGERS ALLOWED? No - not unless the driver is 20 years of age or older.

In such cases it is only permitted if the manufacturer confirms that the moped is made for passengers and the passenger must sit behind the driver. A child seven years of age or younger who is a passenger on the moped shall be seated in a special seat intended for that purpose.

DO I NEED TO WEAR A HELMET? Yes - a safety helmet is mandatory.

WHERE CAN I DRIVE IT? These mopeds can be used on bicycle lanes, but also on pavements and pedestrian paths as long as it does not pose any danger or inconvenience to pedestrians or is not explicitly prohibited.

It is recommended that class I mopeds are not used in public traffic where speeds are greater than 50 km/h, although it is permitted.

If a bicycle lane is parallel to a pedestrian path, mopeds may only be driven on the bicycle lane. If the moped driver crosses a road from a pedestrian path, the maximum speed must not exceed walking speed.

DO I NEED INSURANCE? No. There is no insurance obligation for Class I mopeds, but owners are encouraged to seek advice from insurance companies regarding liability insurance.

ARE CLASS I MOPEDS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION? Yes, and registration is done on “Mínar síður” ([My page](#)) on the website of the Icelandic Transport Authority.

Class I mopeds are also subject to inspection and must be registered for inspection at an vehicle inspection station upon new registration and Periodic Technical Inspection in transfer of vehicle ownership (*unless the last inspection has taken place within twelve months*).