

eCargo Bike Grant Scheme Code of Practice

It is a condition of the eCargo Bike Grant Scheme that recipients agree to abide by this Code of Practice in the acquisition and operation of their ecargo bikes.

The ecargo bike operator commits to the following:

1. To source the ecargo bikes according to the scheme's eligibility criteria, including that they must be rated by the supplier as suitable for commercial use.
2. To properly maintain the ecargo bikes to meet or exceed the relevant legal requirements as a roadworthy vehicle. These include:
 - Pedal Cycle (Construction and Use) Regulations (covering matters including the need for working brakes). For more details see www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/annex-1-you-and-your-bicycle
 - the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle Regulations (which limit speed and power and rule out, for example, 'tuning' of the electric assist system to increase speed or power beyond the limits set down for an ebike). For more details see www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules
 - ecargo bikes used at night must meet the requirements of the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations. For more details, see www.gov.uk/government/publications/pedal-cycles-lighting
3. To ensure that the ecargo bike is used responsibly and within its specification. The operator will ensure each ecargo bike is used only within its payload specifications, and that all loads will be secure and not pose a risk to other road users.
4. To provide appropriate training to all riders. This must be to at least level three of the Bikeability scheme, or equivalent. For more details see <https://bikeability.org.uk/what/>
5. To ensure riders observe all relevant Highway Code requirements and recommendations, including:
 - the need for ecargo bikes to be pushed (by the rider on foot) if they are to be used in areas where cycling is not permitted
 - the need to behave with consideration for all other road users, especially pedestrians.
6. To maintain appropriate public liability insurance cover.
7. To ensure that the ecargo bikes and/or riders carry logos or company details which enable the operator to be identified.
8. To ensure that all ecargo bikes obtained through this scheme are registered with a police-approved cycle registration scheme to promote easier recovery after theft.
9. To co-operate fully with the ecargo bike grants scheme provider in their reporting and evaluation of the use of the ecargo bikes.