

Hon Peter Malinauskas MP Minister for Road Safety



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New helmet laws

Road Safety Minister Peter Malinauskas has announced that European ECE 22.05 standard helmets are now legal to be worn by motorcyclists in South Australia.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) 22.05 was developed from an in depth study of head injuries to motorcycle riders and is used in Europe and many other countries around the world.

The *Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014* have also been updated to remove outdated British Standards and Japanese helmet models all pre-dating 1988.

Provisions allowing a bicycle helmet to be used by a motorcycle passenger under the age of six years have also been removed.

Background

These changes mean that helmets worn by motorcyclists in South Australia must meet any of three standards and bear a relevant certification mark:

- Australian Standard 1698-1988 – *Protective helmets for vehicle users* (AS1698-1988); or
- Australian/New Zealand Standard 1698:2006 – *Protective helmets for vehicle users* (AS/NZS 1698:2006); or
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 22 *Uniform provisions concerning the approval of protective helmets and their visors for drivers and passengers of motor cycles and mopeds*, incorporating the 05 series of amendments, (ECE 22.05)

These helmet standards are approved for use in the majority of states and territories.

For more information visit <http://www.mylicence.sa.gov.au>

Quotes attributable to Road Safety Minister Peter Malinauskas

The introduction of European motorcycle helmets and the removal of outdated standards is a positive step forward for the safety of motorcycle riders, creating consistency with the majority of Australian states and territories.

We know this is something motorcycle groups have been calling for ever since recent changes were made to Australian consumer law.

Following a change to SA regulations we are pleased to announce that motorcycle riders are now able to wear European Standard helmets.