



## Derry City and Strabane District Council Cycle to Work Scheme

### What safety equipment is included under the Cycle to Work scheme tax exemption?

Eligible equipment under the Derry City and Strabane District Council Cycle to Work scheme includes cycles and cyclists' safety equipment.

A 'cycle' is defined as 'a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor vehicle' (192(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c.52)). An electrically assisted pedal cycle is also included under the scheme.<sup>1</sup>

Cyclists' safety equipment is not defined in legislation, however, Derry City and Strabane District Council has adopted a common sense approach to defining equipment, which can be provided under the scheme.

### Eligible safety equipment includes:

- Bells and bulb horns
- Cycle clips and dress guards
- Reflective and protective clothing
- White front reflectors and spoke reflectors
- Cycle helmets, which conform to European standards BS EN 1078:1997 and BS 6863:1989 or SNELL B.95
- Lights, including dynamo packs
- Locks and chains to ensure cycle can be safely secured
- Mirrors and mudguards to ensure rider's viability is not impaired
- Panniers, luggage carriers and straps to allow luggage to be safely carried
- Child safety seats
- Pumps, puncture repair kits, cycle tool kits and tyre sealant to allow for minor repairs
- Cycle carriers for motor vehicles may be obtained under the cycle to work scheme, however, they must be substantially used in connection with qualifying journeys

If you are unsure whether other types of safety equipment, not listed above, can be obtained via this scheme, please contact Katrina Bradley in HR on (028) 71 253253 (x6976) or [katrina.bradley@derryandstrabane.com](mailto:katrina.bradley@derryandstrabane.com) for clarification before submitting your quotation. This will speed the processing of your order.

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<sup>1</sup> In Northern Ireland, you need a motorcycle licence to drive any electric bike (Electrically Assisted Pedal Vehicle) and the vehicle must be registered, taxed and insured. Officials in Northern Ireland are aware of the issue and have drafted the legislation which would bring Northern Ireland in line with the rest of the UK. However, the current political impasse means that the legislation cannot be implemented until a new Assembly is in place, and this may be several months away at least.