FAMILY QUICK GUIDE

What E-RIDE Certification Means for Your Rider

A plain-language guide to the standard, the four things riders demonstrate, and where Minnesota law fits.

E-RIDE IS A COMPETENCY STANDARD | Certification is earned through instruction and official evaluation — not claimed by owning a certain bike.

Four things an E-RIDE certified rider demonstrates

KNOW THE MACHINE	Identify the e-bike class, understand power and assisted-speed limits, and recognize when a vehicle may not be a legal e-bike.
STOP SAFELY	Understand how added mass and electric assist affect braking, and bring the bike to a controlled stop.
SHARE THE PATH	Know that street, sidewalk, trail, and local rules can differ; yield and pass other users predictably.
RIDE PREDICTABLY	Use visible positioning, signaling, intersection judgment, and defensive riding habits.

How certification works

1. Instruction
A rider learns the published competency areas with an authorized provider.

2. Official testing
The provider evaluates competency across all four domains.

3. Certification
A rider who passes earns E-RIDE Certification.

Minnesota law still matters

E-RIDE is not currently required statewide. Minnesota law separately defines electric-assisted bicycle classes and says a person under age 15 must not operate an electric-assisted bicycle.

Check the permanent class label, confirm whether the bike has been modified, and review local trail rules. Use the interactive guide at eridecertification.org/minnesota-law.

HAVE A QUESTION? | Visit eridecertification.org/questions or ask the Board at eridecertification.org/contact?for=families

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