

SINCE 1 APRIL 2020

All new model new motorcycles over 125cc must have an Anti-lock Braking System (ABS).

All new model new motorcycles up to and including 125cc must have either an ABS or a Combined Braking System (CBS).

FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2021

All current model new motorcycles and imported used motorcycles over 125cc must have an ABS.

All current model new motorcycles and imported used motorcycles up to and including 125cc must have either an ABS or a CBS.



ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM RULE CHANGES

MAKING MOTORCYCLING SAFER

Changes have been made to the Land Transport Rule: Light-vehicle Brakes 2002. The first of these changes came into effect on 1 April 2020 and the remaining changes take effect on 1 November 2021.



For more information go to
www.nzta.govt.nz/abs-changes

Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) is a proven technology that gives you better control on the road. It will help save lives.

International studies suggest ABS could reduce crashes by more than a third. As crashes involving motorcyclists often result in death or serious injury, this will have an immediate and significant safety benefit.

The law change applies to all new model new motorcycles entering the fleet from 1 April 2020.

Current model new motorcycles and imported used motorcycles entering the fleet need to have ABS from 1 November 2021.

Previous and currently registered motorcycles are not required to be retrofitted with ABS.

There are also some exemptions for classic or collectible motorcycles.

New Zealand is among many countries who have or will be introducing compulsory fitting of ABS on motorcycles.

MOTORCYCLE TYPE	FROM 1 APR 2020	FROM 1 NOV 2021
New model New motorcycle Larger than 125cc	Must have ABS	
New model New motorcycle Up to and including 125cc	Must have ABS or CBS	
Current model New motorcycle Larger than 125cc		Must have ABS
Current model New motorcycle Up to and including 125cc		Must have ABS or CBS
Registered existing model Existing motorcycle Larger than 125cc	No action required	No action required
Registered existing model Existing motorcycle Up to and including 125cc	No action required	No action required
Imported used Larger than 125cc		Must have ABS
Imported used Up to and including 125cc		Must have ABS or CBS
Trial and Enduro motorcycles primarily used off-road or at events are exempt	No action required	No action required