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CYCLE SAFETY INFO

STATE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR LICENSING — 1999

This is the 23rd annual Cycle Safety Information Sheet reporting state motorcyclist-licensing procedures and standards. This information is the result of surveying licensing authorities in the nation's 51 licensing jurisdictions.

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Operator Populations			Registrations		State	State Licensing Agencies			
Auto Operators	Motorcycle Operators	CDL*	Motorcycles as of 6/97	Knowledge Testing Agency		Skill Testing Agency	License Issuance Agency	M/C Lic. Legislation	
3,336,230	2,150	126,140	41,420	AL	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1991	
456,296	25,805	29,508	13,467	AK	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1979	
3,700,200	150,000	98,251	59,964	AZ	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1968	
1,891,619	82,801	106,205	16,471	AR	State Police	same	Driver Services	1987	
19,675,748	832,732	600,752	518,210	CA	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1968	
2,304,950	344,030	83,320	103,680	CO	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1963	
2,325,128	139,754	52,172	51,433	CT	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1967	
545,872	33,146	25,510	9,181	DE	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1974	
346,600	16,500		2,400	DC	Motor Vehicle Services	same	same	1963	
12,000,000	494,160		198,649	FL	Hwy. Safety & MV Dept.	same	same	1984	
4,489,709	210,504		71,759	GA	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1974	
738,865	30,631	22,268	17,160	HI	Differs by County (Island)	same	same	1965	
795,889	32,604	56,325	34,925	ID	Driver Services	same	same	1994	
8,538,638	573,103	368,819	195,727	IL	Secretary of State	same	same	1969	
4,784,737	220,000	241,283	97,017	IN	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1980	
1,814,247	216,378	135,389	107,473	IA	DOT Driver Services	same	same	1968	
1,800,000	250,000	100,000	48,010	KS	Dept. of Rev. Veh. Div.	same	same	1974	
2,743,532	115,605	5,184	38,938	KY	State Police	same	Circ. Court Clerks	1958	
2,176,935	57,176	96,860	65,028	LA	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1968	
838,685	102,098	58,768	31,381	ME	Secretary of State	same	same	1987	
3,338,708	186,468	127,440	48,195	MD	Motor Vehicle Admin.	same	same	1967	
4,216,057	232,730	96,296	83,325	MA	Registry of Motor Veh.	State Police	Registry of Motor Vehicles	1968	
6,157,471	431,360	225,603	119,126	MI	Secretary of State	same	same	1973	
3,196,984	298,863	200,193	116,038	MN	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1968	
2,048,731	51,267		15,435	MS	Highway Patrol	same	same	1985	
3,153,140	262,502	209,245	71,502	MO	Highway Patrol	same	Driver License Bureau	1968	
690,000	70,000		15,204	MT	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1976	
1,185,794	39,832	60,421	18,441	NE	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1967	
1,250,925	64,673	41,009	24,463	NV	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1971	
838,325	116,364	46,485	44,362	NH	Dept. of Safety	same	same	1968	
5,722,052	252,711	169,751	88,645	NJ	Div. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1921	
1,106,570	58,400	44,000	31,341	NM	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1966	
10,529,798	502,453	482,152	177,803	NY	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1977	
4,805,390	233,112	258,648	68,000	NC	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1978	
412,127	38,087	36,323	15,706	ND	Driver License Division	same	same	1968	
7,772,757	594,106	299,519	218,114	OH	State Highway Patrol	same	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	1968	
2,334,098	123,923	119,581	51,984	OK	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1967	
1,285,275	49,072	63,288	58,830	OR	Dr. & Motor Veh. Serv.	same	same	1966	
8,283,391	748,315	333,731	173,070	PA	Dept. of Transportation	same	same	1968	
680,107	58,111	25,399	17,269	RI	Comm. College of R.I.	same	Registry of Motor Vehicles	1967	
2,498,154	94,888	109,289	34,736	SC	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1975	
519,415	49,492		25,822	SD	Dept. of Comm. & Reg.	same	same	1968	
3,677,658	196,641		46,194	TN	Dept. of Safety	same	same	1972	
13,653,895	655,988		326,148	TX	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1967	
1,071,731	99,390	51,537	23,775	UT	Driver License Division	same	same	1967	
501,110	50,108	26,590	14,148	VT	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1968	
4,771,570	223,050		61,320	VA	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1969	
3,562,030	264,450		100,970	WA	Dept. of Licensing	same	same	1967	
1,300,000	76,120	57,486	17,016	WV	State Police	same	Motor Vehicle Division	1992	
3,672,469	363,147	228,968	151,391	WI	Dept. of Transportation	same	same	1968	
358,848	40,064	31,517	13,214	WY	Dept. of Transportation	same	same	1968	

*8 of the 35 jurisdictions report motorcycle operator licensing populations 2-3 times greater than Commercial Driver's License (CDL) operator populations. Operator populations reported are as of 8/30/98.

Motorcyclist Learner Permits

Vehicles Registered as Motorcycles	State	Issuance Fee	Issuance Tests	Duration	Renewal Fee	Restrictions
2,3,4,8,9,10,11	AL	NO LEARNER PERMIT SYSTEM				
2,3,4,8,9,10,11	AK	\$5.00	V,K	2 years	\$5.00	S,H
3,4,9,10,12	AZ	\$7.00	V,K	6 months	\$7.00	R,T
2,4,8,9,10,13	AR	NO LEARNER PERMIT SYSTEM				
1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12	CA	\$12.00	V,K	1 year	\$12.00	B*H,P,R,T
8,9,10	CO	\$10.00	V,K,Sk	8 months	\$10.00	S
2,8,9,10,12	CT	\$5.50	V,K	60 days	\$5.50	H,P,T,D,R
12	DE	\$5.00	V,K,Sk	60 days	\$5.00	H,P,R,T,C
4,8,9,10,11,13	DC	\$10.00	V,K	60 days	\$10.00	S,H
4,8,9,10	FL	0	V,K	60 days	0	P, H,
2,3,4,8,9,10	GA	\$10.00	V,K	6 months	\$10.00	H,P,R,T, C
4,8,9,10	HI	\$5.00	V,K	180 days	\$5.00	P,T
1,3,4,7,8,13	ID	\$11.50	V,K	6 months	\$11.50	H*,P,R,T
8,11	IL	\$10.00	V,K	1 year	\$10.00	S,B,T,C,E
2,3,4,9,10,13	IN	\$5.00	V,K	1 year	\$5.00	S*,H,P,T
8,9,10,	IA	\$6.00	V,K	2 years	\$6.00	S
1,5,8,9,10,13	KS	\$4.00	V,K	1 year	\$4.00	S,P
4,9,10,11,13	KY	\$6.00	V,K	6 months	\$6.00	H
1,2,4,8,11,12	LA	NO LEARNER PERMIT SYSTEM				
9,10	ME	\$10.00	V,K●	1 year	\$10.00	H,P,T
8,9,10,13	MD	\$30.00	V,K	180 days	\$30.00	S,H,P,T
1,4,13	MA	\$15.00	V,K	1 year	N/A	H,P,T,E
4,8,9,10	MI	\$13.50	V,K	150 days	\$13.50	S,H,P,T
8,9,10,12	MN	\$21.00	V,K	1 year	\$21.00	H,P,R,T, E,
1,5,9,10,11,13	MS	\$1.00	V,K,Sk	1 year	\$1.00	S,H
4,9,10,13	MO	\$1.00	V,K, ★	6 months	\$1.00	H,P,T,D,C
1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,12	MT	\$.50	V,K	6 months	\$.50	S,H*
4,8,9,10	NE	\$3.00	V	1 year	\$3.00	S,H
9,10	NV	\$19.50	V,K	8 months	\$19.50	S,H,P,R,T
3,8,9,13	NH	\$37.00	none	30 days	\$5.00	H*,T, P
2,3,4,9,10	NJ	\$5.00	V,K	90 days	\$5.00	S,H,E
2,8,9,10,11,13	NM	\$2.00	V,K	6 months	\$2.00	P,C
8,9,10,12	NY	\$52.00 max★	V,K	1-5 yrs★	\$33.00	S,H,P,☒,R,T,E
3,5,11	NC	\$10.00	V,K,☞	180 days	0	P
3,8,9,10,11	ND	\$10.00	V,K	6 months	\$8.00	H,P,C,T
3,4,8,9	OH	\$4.00	V,K	1 year	\$4.00	H,P,R,T,E
4,9	OK	\$19.00	V,K	4 years	\$15.00	S,T*,C*
3,4,8,9,10,13	OR	\$13.00	V,K, ★	1 year	N/A	S,H,P,T
4	PA	\$7.00	☞	120 days	\$7.00	S,P,T
4,9,10	RI	\$2.00	V,K,Sk	90 days	N/A	S,R, P, E
3,4,12	SC	\$2.50	V,K	1 year	\$2.50	H*
3,4,7	SD	\$8.00	V,K	30 days	0	S,H*,P
2,4,9,10,11	TN	\$6.50	V,K,Sk	1 year	0	H,P,R,T,C*
4,9,11	TX	\$16.00★	V,K	4 years★	\$21.00★	S,C*
4,9,10,11,12	UT	\$7.50	V,K	6 months	N/A	H*,P,R,T
3,8,9,10,12	VT	\$7.00	K	120 days	\$7.00	P,T,D
4,8,11	VA	\$3.00	V,K	1 year	\$3.00	S,H,P,R,T
9,10,11	WA	\$3.50	none	90 days	\$3.50	S,H,P,R
2	WV	\$5.00	V,K,Sk	90 days	\$5.00	B,H,P,T,E
8,9,10	WI	\$22.00	V,K	6 months	\$22.00	S,H,P,Et, B
3,4,7,13	WY	\$20.00	V,K	90 days	\$20.00	H*

Vehicles Registered as Motorcycles

- 1 – 3-wheel, All-Terrain Vehicle
- 2 – Nopeds (small-displacement 3-wheel)
- 3 – Minibikes
- 4 – Motorbikes
- 5 – Golf Carts
- 6 – Snowmobiles
- 7 – All-Terrain w/ more than 3 wheels
- 8 – 3-wheel, service vehicle
- 9 – Modified 3-wheel (straddle seat)
- 10 – Modified 3-wheel (bench seat)
- 11 – Mopeds
- 12 – Off-Road Motorcycles
- 13 – Contact local DMV

Learner Permit Restrictions

- S – Supervision
- H – Helmets
- R – Restricted Roadways
- T – Times of Day
- B – .00 BAC
- P – No Passengers
- D – Restricted Distances
- C – Cycle Size Restrictions
- E – Eye Protection

Footnotes

- V – Vision
- K – Knowledge
- Sk – Skill
- * – Certain age groups only
- ☒ – No passengers except supervisor
- ☞ – If no DL must pass V & K
- – Must complete 8-hour classroom training
- † – If under 18 years of age, must be enrolled in *RiderCourse* before obtaining permit.
- ★ – Fee, duration depends on age at application. Fee includes license fee.
- ☞ – Road sign identification test.

Motorcyclist Learner Permits



46 jurisdictions that provide motorcyclist licenses and/or endorsements make motorcyclist learner permits available. Five jurisdictions do not.

NH, WA and NE report that they do not require knowledge or skill tests to obtain a learner permit.

PA applicants must take vision and knowledge tests if they do not hold a driver license.

WI applicants under 18 must be enrolled in *RiderCourse* before obtaining permit.

- S** — 24 jurisdictions require supervision
- H** — 35 jurisdictions require helmet usage
- R** — 15 jurisdictions restrict learners to certain roadways
- T** — 27 jurisdictions restrict times of day for operation
- B** — 4 jurisdictions restrict BAC levels—CA, IL, WV, WI
- P** — 32 jurisdictions restrict learners from riding with passengers
- D** — 3 jurisdictions restrict learners to riding within the state or shorter distances—CT, VT, MO
- C** — 8 jurisdictions restrict cycle size of learners' motorcycles
- E** — 9 jurisdictions restrict learners to wearing eye protection—IL, MA, MN, NJ, NY, OH, RI, WI, WV

General Licensing Information

License/ Endorsement Codes	License/ Endorsement Fees	Duration in Years	State	Total Operator Testing Sites	Sites Provide M/C Tests	Sites Provide CDL Tests	Total State Examiners	# Exam. Who Test M/Clists	3rd Party Testers Used	Age/w/out Rider Ed.	Age with Rider Ed.	Rider Training Required for:
M	\$0+K	4	AL	82	82	10	167C,32L	N/A	CDL	14	14	N/A
M1,M2	\$15.00+Sk	5	AK	30	30	26	35C&L	35	Yes	16	16	N/A
M	\$7.00	⊕	AZ	58	22	9	600C	80	MC/CDL/car	16	16	N/A
M,MD/M	\$14.00-\$5.00	4	AR	98	98	98	39	39	No	16	16	N/A
M1,M2	\$12.00	4	CA	187	174	58	533	546	MC/CDL	21	16	under 21
M	\$16.00	5	CO	87	87	10	144C	144	MC/CDL/car	16	16	N/A
M,1M,2M*	\$0-\$37.00+K	4	CT	11	10	5	100L	50	MC	18	16	under 18
M	\$5.00	5	DE	4	3	3	22	15	MC	18	16	under 18
M	\$20.00	4	DC	1			8C	8	CDL	16	16	N/A
MTCY Only,Also	\$5.00	4,6	FL	146	54	7	936C	468	MC/CDL	21	16	under 21
MR,MU,MX	\$15.00	4	GA	57	35	3	250C	110	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
2	\$9-\$18.00+K,Sk	*	HI	20	12	8	56	53	CDL	15	15	N/A
M	\$11.50	4	ID	55	25	93	160C, 210L	31	MC/CDL/car	21	15	under 21
L,M	\$10.00	4	IL	104	104	95	750C	750	MC/CDL	18	16	under 18
MC	\$6.00+Sk	4	IN	167	30	18	75 + 32C	121	M/CDL	16	16	N/A
M,8	\$1.00/year	2-4	IA	140	140	82	47C	47	No	18	16	under 18
D,M	\$6.50+K,Sk	4	KS	46	46	8	150C	150	MC/CDL	16	15	N/A
M	\$12.00	4	KY	120	120	120	73C,37L	87	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M,7	\$8.00	4	LA		80	35	482	482	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
I,J	\$0+K,Sk	6	ME	28	28	22	36C	36	MC	N/A	16	all ages
MD	\$30.00	5	MD	12	25	12	121C	40	No	18	16	under 18†
M	\$15.00+K,Sk	5	MA	37	42	9	64L	114	MC	17	16½	N/A
CY	\$0+Sk	4	MI	180	70	273	1130C	500	MC/CDL	18	16	under 18 and ♦
M	\$0	4	MN	84	93	73	105C	105	MC/CDL	18	16	under 18
E	\$5.00	4	MS	60	60	9	36C,15L	51	CDL	16	16	N/A
M	\$7.50-\$20.00	3	MO	147	125	14	197C	197	CDL	16	15½	N/A
M	\$2.00-\$4.00■	8, 4	MT	57	56	56	33C	31	MC	16	15	N/A
M	\$15.00	4	NE	98	95	81	63	68	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M,MX,MZ,MU	\$5.00	4	NV	37	9	7	44C	38	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
MC	\$37.00	4	NH	14	14			23	MC	18	16	N/A
M,E	\$15.00-\$13.00	4	NJ	17	10	14	450C	200	MC	17	17	N/A
M,W,Z	\$16.00	4	NM	68	68	68	60C	68	MC/CDL	16	13	under 18
M,MJ	\$52.00 maxx	5	NY	138	96	64	158C	152	No	16	16	N/A
M	\$5.00+K,Sk	4	NC	89	89	89		406	MC	18	16	N/A
M	\$8.00+K,Sk	4	ND	43	43	43	36C	36	No	16	14	under 16
M,R, M-1, M-3	\$6.50	4	OH	96	96	96	210C	96	No	18	16	under 18
M	\$4.00+K	4	OK	90	90	18	73C,3L	76	No	14	14	N/A
M	\$30.00	4	OR	61	99	22	195C	170	MC/CDL	19	16	under 21
M,V★	\$2.00	4	PA	72	68	36	193C	121	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
H	\$1.00	5	RI	6	2	1	10	23	MC/CDL	N/A	16	all applicants
M,4	\$12.50+K	5	SC	59	59	36	160C	160	CDL	15	15	N/A
2,3	\$8.00	5	SD	88	88		47C	47	MC/CDL	14	14	N/A
M,MP	\$17.50	3-7★	TN	102	102	8	243C	243	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M	\$10-\$21.00+	4	TX	345	345		476C,123L	599	No	18	15	under 18
M,O,U	\$7.50	5	UT	20	20	9	67C	79	MC/CDL	N/A	16	N/A
M	\$1.00/year	2,4	VT	12	6	5	10C	10	MC/Car	16	16	N/A
M	\$2.00/year	5	VA	72	18	65	217C	197	MC	18	15.8	N/A
M1,M2,M3	\$6-\$14.00+K	4	WA	63	63	63	295C	295	CDL	18	16	under 18
F	\$5.00	4 ★	WV	55	55	55	16L,36C	16L	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M,CY	\$4.00+Sk	4	WI	126	126	126	165C	165	MC/CDL	18	16	⊛
M	\$23.00	4	WY	30	30	13	55C	55	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A

C - Civilian Examiners K - Knowledge Test
L - Law Enforcement Examiners Sk - Skill Test
CDL - Commercial Driver License

* HI 4 yr =15-17 yrs; 6 yr= 18-71 yrs; 2 yrs= 71+.

■ Depending on age.

x New drivers receive a multi-year permit that includes the license fee.

† If not previously licensed in U.S., must complete 3-hour drug & alcohol awareness course.

⊛ If under 18; or before 3rd skill test; or before renewing learner permit the 4th time.

* The old codes 104-107, 204-207 will be replaced with M, 1M & 2M when licenses are renewed.

MC ONLY fees not included on this page.

Waivers for any portion of M/C test equals 3rd party testing.

Footnotes:

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⊕ Additional fees for application processing, knowledge and/or skill testing.

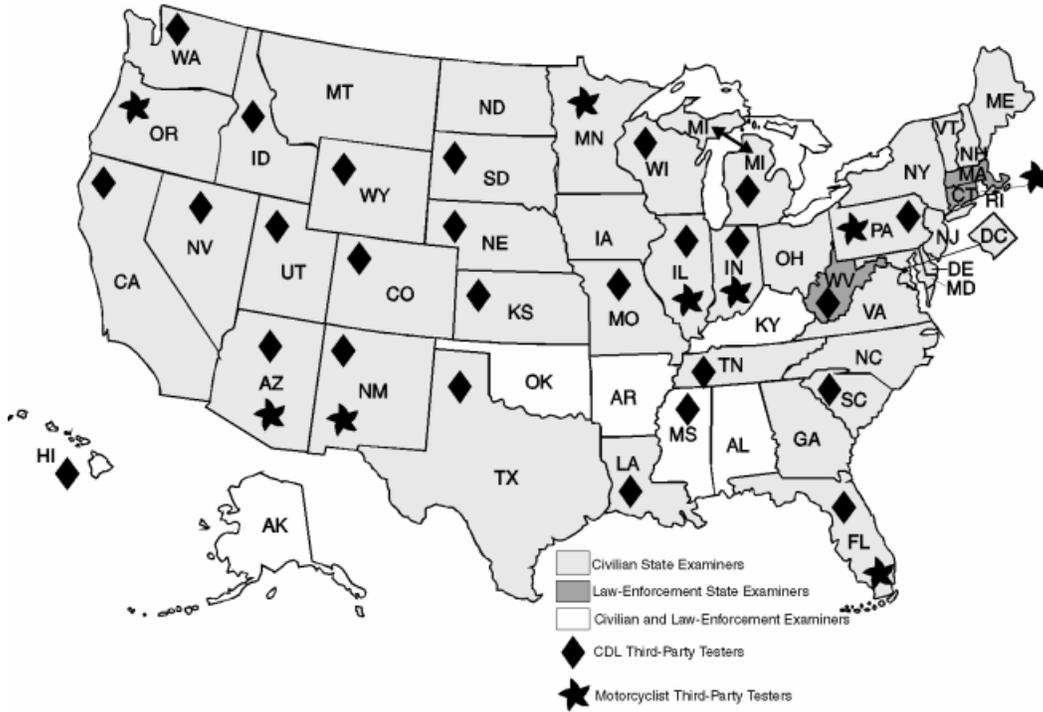
♦ Applicants who fail 2 skill tests.

★ In transition to a 5-year license. Renewals last until next birthday divisible by 5.

★ Restricted to motor-driven cycle.

● AZ D/L is good to age 60, then must be renewed every 5 years.

Examiner Profiles



CT/MA/WV — 3 jurisdictions with a total law-enforcement staff of examiners.

In 1997, AZ, CO, IN, MN, PA, FL & RI used state-approved contractors to conduct Motorcyclist and CDL skill tests.

24 additional states contracted CDL testing outside of the state agency.

Jurisdictions with Motorcycle Tiered-Licensing Programs

AL — under 16 restricted to 150cc

OK — under 16 restricted to 125cc or less

TX — under 16 restricted to under 125cc

IL — under 18 restricted to under 150cc unless completed rider training

MO — 15½ to 16 restricted to 250cc or less

NM — under 15 restricted to 100cc or less

ND — under 16 restricted to 250cc

WA — three-tier system based on engine size

TN — under 16 restricted to 650cc or less — under 15 restricted to 125cc or less

Motorcyclist Licensing Systems



Standard — Identity, vision, health and previous operating experience is screened to determine applicant eligibility. Appropriate licensing tests assess minimum safe operating knowledge and skill standards. Intervention occurs as needed for all operators.

Tiered — Licensees of some or all age groups are restricted to operating on specific motorcycle sizes.

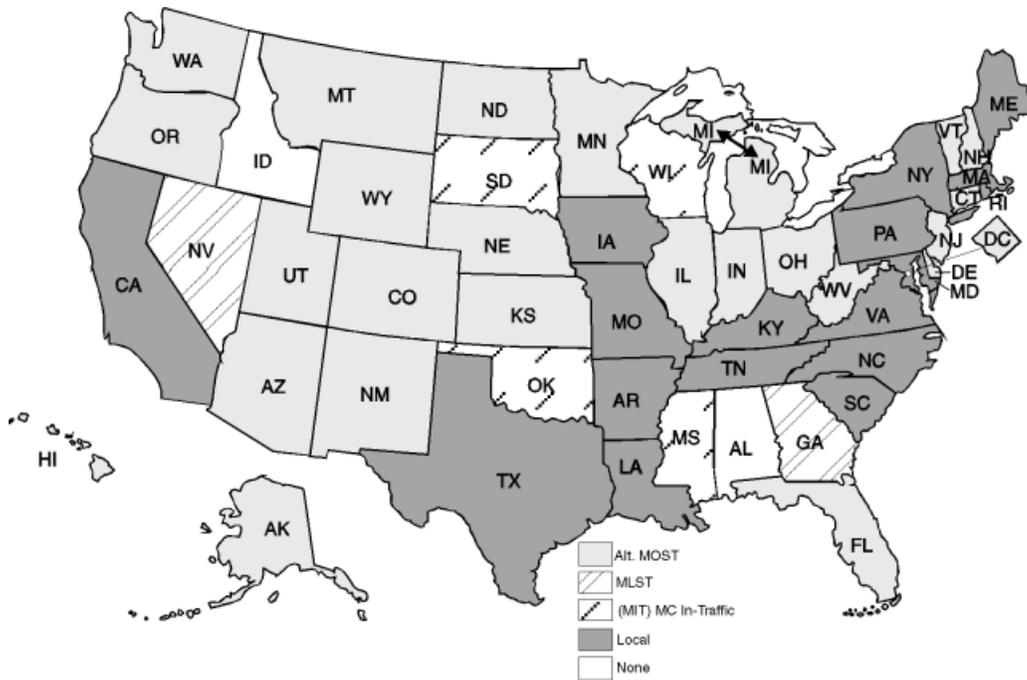
Graduated — Individual assessment of applicant age, experience, and operating record, if any, determines operating privileges for first-time licensees of some or all age groups during a provisional period. Additional monitoring and early intervention occurs as in the Provisional System. Operating privileges increase as experience, maturity and skills increase until full privileges are earned (6 months - 2 years).

Motorcyclist Knowledge Testing			State	Motorcyclist Skill Testing					
Handbook Used	Knowledge Tests	Auto Test		Primary Skill Test	Secondary Skill Test	Rider-Ed Waiver	Reciprocal Lic. Waivers	3-Wheel/Sidecar Testing	3Wh/SC Oper. Restricted to
Local	Local	no	AL	none	none	No	Yes	none	none
MOM	MSF	yes	AK	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Mod. MSF	no	AZ	Alt. MOST	none	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Local	Local	no	AR	Local on-street	Local on-street	No	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Local	yes	CA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	MSF	no	CO	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	yes	CT	Alt. MOST	none	Sk	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	DE	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full DL priv
Local	Local	no	DC	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	No	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	yes	FL	Alt. MOST	none	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	GA	MLST	MLST	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	HI	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	Mod. MSF	yes	ID	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	Local	no	IL	Alt. MOST	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	IN	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	yes	IA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	KS	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Local	Local	yes	KY	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	MSF	no	LA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	none	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Local	no	ME	Local on-street	Local on-street	K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	MSF	yes	MD	Local off-street	Local off-street	No	Yes	car skill test	multi-purp. veh.
Local	Local	yes	MA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c sk test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	MI	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	Local	yes	MN	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	3-wh
MOM	Local	no	MS	M/C In-Traffic	Local on-street	No	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	Mod. MSF	no	MO	Local off-street	Local off-street	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	MT	Alt. MOST	Local on-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	NE	Alt. MOST	M/C In-Traffic	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	yes	NV	MLST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Local	Local	no	NH	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Local	yes	NJ	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	No	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF, Local	no	NM	Alt. MOST	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Local	no	NY	Local on-street	Local on-street	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	Full M/C Priv
MOM	Local	no	NC	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	none	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	yes	ND	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	No	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	Local	no	OH	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	No	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Local	Local	no	OK	M/C In-Traffic	Local on-street	No	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	yes	OR	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk, K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	MSF	yes	PA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Local	Local	no	RI	Local off-street	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	m/c RE course	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Mod. MSF	yes	SC	Local off-street	Local off-street	No	Yes	m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	SD	M/C In-Traffic	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Mod. MSF	yes	TN	Local on-street	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Local	yes	TX	Local on-street	Local on-street	Sk*	Yes	m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Local	no	UT	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	VT	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	none	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	VA	Local on-street	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	no info	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	MSF	no	WA	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Yes	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	WV	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	no info	no info
MOM	Local	no	WI	M/C In-Traffic	M/C In-traffic	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	no	WY	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv

Footnotes

- Auto Test — Automated Testing available.
- Primary — Tests used in most or all urban locations and/or where the majority of motorcyclists are tested.
- Secondary — Test used in rural sites or locations unable to accommodate the primary test.
- Rider-Ed Waivers — Issued to eligible applicants who successfully complete rider-education requirements acceptable for licensing standards.
- Out-of-State Transfer — (Reciprocal) Waivers - Issued to eligible applicants who were tested and licensed in a previous jurisdiction and maintain acceptable standards for current jurisdiction.
- * — Must remove sidecar.
- K — Knowledge
- Sk — Skill

Primary Motorcyclist Skill Tests



27 jurisdictions report using the Alternate MOST as their primary skill test.

2 jurisdictions report using the MLST as their primary skill test.

4 jurisdictions report using the Motorcycle In-Traffic Test as their primary skill test.

6 jurisdictions report using a modified Motorcycle-In Traffic Test or one of local design.

11 jurisdictions report using an off-street test of local design.

Alabama administers a general rules-of-the-road knowledge test only.

30 jurisdictions report using a single skill test statewide. This may or may not imply that a single skill test, of consistent standards and procedures, is offered in these states.

Available Waivers For Rider-Ed Completion and Out-of-State (Reciprocal) Transfers



42 jurisdictions report waiving knowledge and/or skill tests for eligible motorcycle operator applicants who successfully complete state-approved rider education.

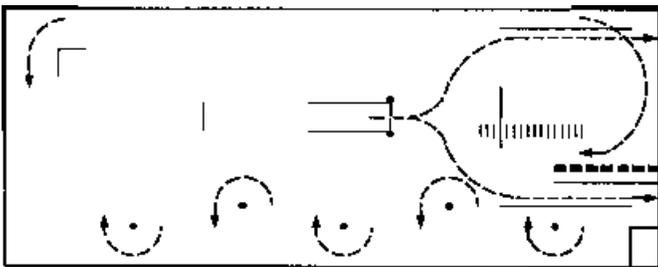
All jurisdictions with a motorcyclist licensing system report waiving knowledge and/or skill tests for eligible applicants who have previously tested in another jurisdiction and maintain licensing standards acceptable to the current jurisdiction.

MSF OFF-STREET TESTS

The Alternate Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (Alternate MOST) requires:

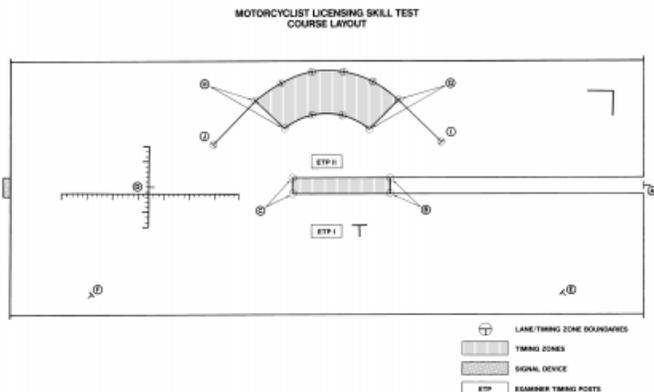
- Applicant performance of five basic vehicle-control exercises (Stalling, Sharp Turn, Normal Stop, Cone Weave, and U-Turn).
- Applicant performance of two collision-avoidance exercises (Quick Stop and Swerve).
- no electronic equipment costs or maintenance.
- least amount of testing space needed for off-street testing (125x30 ft with 10 ft additional unobstructed area).

An Alternate Most Examiner Training Video and Guide is available, 42 minutes in length. It details how to administer the Alternate MOST and challenges examiners with practice-scoring exercises.



The Motorcyclist Licensing Skill Test (MLST) requires:

- performance of 1 basic vehicle-control exercise (Straight Path & Sharp Turn).
- performance of 2 collision-avoidance exercises (Riding Curve, and Quick Stop/Swerve).
- repetition of collision-avoidance exercises that allows more opportunity to assess turning, stopping and swerving skills.
- automatic or manually operated electronic equipment that converts speed traveled through a timing zone to a score.



MSF ON-STREET TEST

The Motorcyclist In-Traffic Test (MIT):

- requires applicant performance of 8-11 riding behaviors determined to be important to safer riding.
- allows assessment of rider judgment in actual traffic situations.
- does not require off-street test facility.

All of these tests employ objective scoring criteria, are easy to conduct in approximately 10 minutes, and examiners do not need to be riders to administer them. However, motorcyclist examiners who have completed a rider-training course or are riders enjoy more credibility with applicants they test. AAMVA guidelines recommend that applicants receive uniformly administered tests statewide.

MSF will provide states the loan of printer's negatives for any of the following materials. Knowledge Test slides for states using automated testing are also available.

Motorcycle Operator Manual and Knowledge Tests

The *Motorcycle Operator Manual* includes information on motorcycle riding preparations, protective gear, defensive operating. Each of the 5 Knowledge Tests that include 25 multiple-choice questions are based on MOM information. Tests emphasize areas critical to safe riding. The MOM is also available on computer disk as a PageMaker file.

The Motorcycle Skill Test Practice Guide

The *Motorcycle Skill Test Practice Guide* provides motorcycle license applicants with exercises that they can practice before taking their skill test. These exercises do not replace a rider-education course.

Sharing The Road With Motorcycles

Studies show that most two-vehicle collisions involving motorcyclists are caused by drivers of other vehicles. *Sharing the Road with Motorcycles* offers information to make drivers aware of conditions and situations commonly faced by motorcyclists.

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