



IMPORTANT UPDATE TO DRIVER MANUAL - Summer 2011

MOTORCYCLE LICENSE

Getting a Motorcycle License or Endorsement

All residents operating a motorcycle in New Jersey must have a motorcycle endorsement on their existing driver license or a separate motorcycle license. For additional information please visit www.njmvc.gov.

NOTE: Anyone under the age of 18 is required to take the Motorcycle Safety Education Program Basic Rider Course.

How to add a motorcycle endorsement to your driver license

Choose either enrollment in a basic rider course or begin by purchasing a permit at a local motor vehicle agency.

ENROLL IN BASIC RIDER COURSE

[No Motorcycle Permit Required To Take Rider Course]

Step 1- Take Basic Rider Course

- Register with an approved motorcycle training provider
- Take motorcycle training course

Step 2- Get Course Completion Documents

- 100% participation required
- Must successfully complete course
- Will receive a stamped waiver form and completion card

NOTE: You must add a motorcycle endorsement to your license before you begin riding after completing the course

Step 3- Get Motorcycle Endorsement

- Must bring course completion documents to a driver testing center and prove your identity by passing 6 Point ID Verification
- Must apply for a motorcycle permit
- Must be at least 17 years old; parent/guardian consent required under age 18
- Must pass vision test
- Must pay required fee

APPLY WITHOUT BASIC RIDER COURSE

[Motorcycle Permit Required First]

Step 1- Get A Motorcycle Examination Permit

- Apply for a motorcycle permit at a local motor vehicle agency
- Must be at least 17 years old; parent/guardian consent required under age 18
- Must pass MVC's knowledge and vision tests
- Make road test appointment date
- Must pay required fee

Step 2 – Practice Ride

- Must practice ride for at least 20 days
- Must observe motorcycle permit riding restrictions

Step 3 – Take Motorcycle Road Test At MVC Test Site

- Must bring your own motorcycle (registered and insured), helmet and eye protection
- Must pass road test

Step 4 – Get Motorcycle Endorsement

- Must pay required fee

How to get a motorcycle permit

- You must be at least 17 years old
- Complete a motorcycle permit application from an MVC Agency
- Pass the 6 Point ID Verification
- Pay \$5 permit fee
- Pass the knowledge and vision tests to validate your permit
- Study by reading the Driver Manual and Motorcycle Manual

Motorcycle permit riding restrictions

The holder of a motorcycle examination permit is prohibited from:

- Operating a motorcycle from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise
- Carrying passengers
- Riding on any state toll road or limited-access highway

Practicing with your permit

You must practice with a permit for at least 20 days before being eligible to take the road test. A motorcycle examination permit holder is no longer required to have an accompanying rider.

Low-speed motorcycles

Basic auto license holders can operate a low-speed motorcycle without any endorsement or separate motorcycle license. Low-speed motorcycles are less than 50cc or have a 1.5 brake horsepower motor or less with a maximum speed no more than 35 miles per hour on a flat surface. Low-speed motorcycles may not be driven on any state toll road, limited-access highway or any public road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.