

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS



Do I need a helmet or eye protection to operate a moped?

No helmet or eye protection is required while operating a moped.

Do I need a Class M license to operate a moped?

No. A moped may be operated with a Class C license.

Do I need a Class M license to operate a motor-driven cycle?

Yes. If you're interested in obtaining a license to operate a motor-driven cycle, you can apply for a Class M permit on a DL-31 form. After successful completion of the licensing exam, you will be issued a motorcycle license with the "8" restriction indicating that you're restricted to a motor-driven cycle..

How do I get the 8 restriction removed?

You may call PennDOT at (717) 787-6453 and request a test authorization letter. Upon successful of a skills evaluation on a motorcycle, the "8" restriction will be removed.

My learner's permit has expired. How do I get an extension?

You must complete the application again (DL-31) and submit the appropriate fee.

Can the learner's permit be issued at all Driver's License Centers or must the application be mailed to PennDOT?

All Driver License Centers, as well as the Penmobile, can process motorcycle learner's permits.

What are the road test requirements?

The skills test for motorcycle riders is given on a test pad at a PennDOT Driver's License Center. An "in-traffic" skills test is not administered. There is a 20-question knowledge test in addition to the skills test. The skills portion of the test consists of a pre-trip inspection and the evaluation of the following skills: left circles, right circles, and figure eights.

Do I need to bring a licensed motorcycle rider with me the day of my skills examination?

If you already have a Class C driver's license, then you can drive to the Driver's License Center alone. You must have your valid PA Class M Learner's Permit, valid PA Driver's License, valid registration card for the motorcycle, and proof that the motorcycle is currently insured.

If you do not have a PA Class C driver's license, you will need to be followed by another motorcycle-licensed driver. The licensed Class M driver accompanying you must bring their valid PA driver's license. You will need to bring your valid PA Class M Learner's Permit, valid registration card for the motorcycle, and proof that the motorcycle is currently insured.

Do I need to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle?

Pennsylvania law requires that any person who operates a motorcycle must wear protective headgear unless he or she is over 21 years of age and has either two years of riding experience or has completed a motorcycle safety course approved by PennDOT or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

If you are exempt from wearing a helmet and your passenger is older than 21 years of age, your passenger is also exempt from wearing a helmet.