

## 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.