



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 21.00 Motorcycle Endorsements

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[R.S 32:190-198](#)

[R.S. 32:402.3](#)

[R.S. 32:407, 408\(C\)](#)

[R.S. 32:422 \(A\)](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Requirements:

- A motorcycle endorsement must be indicated on a license to operate a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle/moped in excess of 5 horsepower (regardless of maximum speed or motor size) on streets, highways, or roadways in Louisiana.
- An applicant must possess a valid Louisiana driver license or learner permit.
 - **Learner's Permit** - If fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years of age, you are restricted to driving within a distance of three (3) miles from your residence, unless a parent, tutor, or other person having custody is temporarily staying or residing at another location, where the applicant would be restricted to within three (3) miles of that location.
- Must pass the motorcycle knowledge test and skills test with a score of 80% or higher to be eligible for the issuance of a motorcycle endorsement.
 - The motorcycle used for the skills test must be provided by the applicant.
 - The motorcycle must have a current license plate, current insurance, and current inspection sticker.
 - A motorcycle helmet is required and must be worn for the skills test.
- **Skills Test Exemptions:**
 - A knowledge test **and/or** a skills test is **not** required for an applicant who has successfully completed the **Department of Public Safety, Motorcycle Safety, Awareness and Operators Training Program** on or after October 28, 2011.
 - Any certificate with a course completion date prior to October 28, 2011 will exempt the applicant from the skills test requirement **only**.
 - A course schedule may be found at <http://www.lsp.org/motorcycle.html>
 - An applicant may voluntarily participate in the program if the qualifications of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to apply for a motorcycle operator's endorsement are met.
 - The original Certificate of Completion must be provided to be eligible.
 - The certificate must be presented in a sealed (untampered) envelope.
 - The envelope must clearly indicate the name and address of the issuing entity.

- The original course completion certificate will be returned to the applicant upon verification.
- For a list of motorcycle course providers, refer to Section 1, Policy [12.00, Road Skills Test](#).

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 1.00, [Classes of Licenses and Age Requirements](#)

Section 1, Policy 12.00, [Road Skills Test](#)

Section 1, Policy 13.00, [Restrictions and Endorsements](#)

Section 4, Policy 105.01, [Required Proof of Liability Insurance Prior to Registration of Vehicles](#)