



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/>

Background:

- Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and motorized bicycles shall not be given a separate class, as such, but their use shall be provided for by making an endorsement on one of the basic classes of driver's license. Such an endorsement shall be made only after the applicant has taken and successfully passed tests specifically designed for the operation of such vehicles.
- To comply with law, the operator of any motorcycle, motor driven cycle or motorized bicycle/moped (a pedal bicycle which may be propelled by human power or helper motor or both), in excess of 5 horsepower, regardless of maximum speed, or size of motor, must have an "M" endorsement on one of the basic classes of operator's license to operate the vehicle on the streets, highways, or roadways in Louisiana. This endorsement is not required to operate motorcycles, motor driven cycles or motorized bicycles under 5 horsepower.

Requirements:

- An applicant must possess a valid Louisiana driver license or learner permit.
 - **Learner's Permit** - If the applicant is fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years of age, he/she is restricted to driving within a distance of three miles from his 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 miles of that location.
- An applicant must successfully complete the motorcycle knowledge test and skills test with a score of 80% to be eligible for the issuance of a motorcycle endorsement.
 - An applicant is required to furnish the motorcycle used in the skills test.
 - The motorcycle must have a current license plate, current insurance, and current inspection sticker.
 - A motorcycle helmet is required for the skills test.

- **Skills Test Exemptions:**
 - An operator's skill test or knowledge test shall not be 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 he/she meets the qualifications of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to apply for a motorcycle operator's endorsement.
 - An applicant must provide the original certificate of completion to the Office of Motor Vehicles.
 - For a list of motorcycle course providers, refer to Section 1, Policy [12.00, Road Skills Test](#).
 - Certificates of successful completion from the above mentioned course provider must be provided at the time of application to the Office of Motor Vehicles.
 - 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.

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](#)