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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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