

How to Get Legal



Permit & Licensing information for motorcycle & scooter riders

Riding without the proper paperwork is a bad idea. Here's what you need to know if you're an experienced rider who is looking to get a motorcycle endorsement on your license.

First: Get your motorcycle permit.

- Go to www.nydmv.state.ny.us and study the written test book
- Go to your local DMV office and take the written test (\$21-\$120)
- If you do not already have another class of license ("D" for car), you must then take a pre-licensing class or driver education class.

Then: Take your road test or get a waiver

Option 1: Take a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic RiderCourse. This is a 15-hour class over two or three days that teaches motorcycling from the very beginning. Successful completion of the exercises waives the DMV road test and you walk away with an "M" endorsement on your license.

Classes vary from \$275 to \$350 and are available in the Bronx, Queens, Long Island (Farmingdale, Oakdale, Selden, Massapequa), Suffern, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Stone Ridge, and Hudson.



New! Beginning in Spring 2011, experienced riders can take the "BRC-II" for \$120 in one day! Go to www.nysmsp.org for a listing of courses near you.

Option 2: Take the road test with the DMV (sites in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Freeport, Hauppauge, Peekskill, Yonkers or White Plains.) You'll need:

- A motorcycle
- A car or truck operated by someone 18+ with a driver license. This motor vehicle and driver will transport the examiner during the test.

If you don't have these, some schools can provide you with a bike & car:

www.ridemss.com \$200

www.bigapplemotorcycleschool.com \$250

www.lrn2ride.com \$175

Get more information about riding in New York City
at the NYMSTF website:
www.NYMSTF.org