



## Department of the Secretary of State Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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To: Driver License Services; Public Services; Motorcycle Rider Education Schools and Instructors

Re: Motorcycle Road Test Waiver Procedure Change

This memo supersedes the previous guidance, titled Motorcycle Road Test Waiver Policy Change, dated May 20, 2016.

These changes are intended to ensure applicants who seek to operate only a 2- or 3-wheel vehicle will successfully demonstrate both knowledge and skill related to Maine's motor vehicle operating guidance.

Effective immediately the updated procedure for motorcycle training students is as follows:

- A person is eligible for a waiver of the state-administered motorcycle road test if they:
  - possesses a valid driver's license, and
  - successfully complete a BRC and,
  - are issued a BRC completion card and a Maine Motorcycle Rider Education Course Completion Certificate, initialed appropriately by the instructor.
- A person under the age of 18 must successfully complete a basic driver education course prior to enrollment or participation in a Basic Rider Course (BRC).
- A person 18 years of age or older, who does not possess a valid driver's license, but does successfully complete a BRC, will be issued a Maine Motorcycle Rider Education Course Completion Certificate, initialed appropriately by the instructor. That person is only eligible for a motorcycle learner's permit and must submit to a state-administered motorcycle road test to earn their motorcycle license.
- A person who does not successfully complete the BRC skills evaluation will be issued a Maine Motorcycle Rider Education Course Completion Certificate, initialed appropriately by the instructor. That person is only eligible for a motorcycle learner's permit and must submit to a state-administered motorcycle road test to earn their motorcycle license.

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- A person who does not hold any class of driver's license or learner's permit must successfully pass the motorcycle qualification test, prior to the scheduled start of their BRC. This is a general knowledge test that will be administered by the motorcycle riding school, and one attempt is allowed in any given day.
  - To help prepare for this qualification test, a digital copy of the Maine Driver License Manual is available on-line at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/motoristhandbook.pdf> .
  - Students in this category who complete a BRC are issued a Maine Motorcycle Rider Education Course Completion Certificate, initialed appropriately by the instructor. These students are eligible for a motorcycle learner's permit only and must submit to a state administered motorcycle road test to earn their motorcycle only (restriction 5) license.
- A person in possession of a motorcycle learner's permit must successfully complete a state administered road test prior to the expiration of said permit, or they must successfully complete another BRC.
- A person who disqualifies on the BRC skills evaluation may opt to repeat the entire range portion of the BRC, to include the skills test. A Returning Student Report Form must be submitted by the training school to the BMV for approval of this option. Only one attempt is allowed during the current training season. It is never appropriate for a motorcycle rider education provider to allow a person to participate in a partial course or re-take only portions of the skill evaluation to obtain waiver eligibility.

For questions concerning how to schedule a state-administered motorcycle road test, contact the BMV Examinations Unit at 207-624-9000 x52119 or [examinations.bmv@maine.gov](mailto:examinations.bmv@maine.gov) .

Please direct any questions related to this guidance to the Driver and Motorcycle Rider Education Unit at 207-624-9000 ext. 52128, or [driver.education@maine.gov](mailto:driver.education@maine.gov) .



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