

A CLOSE LOOK AT THE MOTORCYCLE IN-TRAFFIC (MIT) TEST

AFTER YOUR MOTORCYCLE PASSES A SAFETY INSPECTION OF LIGHTS, BRAKES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, YOU WILL BEGIN THE MIT EXAM.

The course includes intersections, right and left turns and various other traffic situations. You will have a small receiver with a speaker under your helmet to receive instructions from the examiner who will be following behind in a car.

The examiner will observe how well you do the following:

- Use front and rear brakes.
- Observe traffic and pedestrians.
- Obey stop signs, speed limits and other laws.
- Select proper lane position.
- Use turn signals.
- Match speed to conditions.
- Select proper gaps in traffic.
- Maintain proper following distance.

If you are unsure about any of the above, study your Motorcyclists' Handbook again.

A helmet and eye protection (face shield, goggles or glasses or an approved windshield) is required. Boots, gloves, long pants and a jacket are recommended.

GET READY TO RIDE



You are probably anxious to jump on that motorcycle and get it on the road. But first you need to be trained and licensed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
call you local Technical College,
other Course Sponsor, or write to



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Bureau of Transportation Safety
Motorcycle Safety Program
P. O. Box 7936, Madison, WI 53707-7936
1-800-368-9677 or 1-800-DOT-WMSP

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/modes/motorcycles.htm>



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RIDE RIGHT



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The motorcycle rider's license is actually a Class "M" driver's license. There is a great deal to learn before you can really become a safe and skilled rider.

OF COURSE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A TEST:

What you need to do to get a motorcycle rider's license is just like what you do to get a license to drive any other kind of vehicle. It involves a test. The key to the test is being able to operate properly in traffic.

YOU CAN SATISFY THIS LICENSING REQUIREMENT IN TWO WAYS:

1. Pass the Basic Motorcycle Rider Course and the Motorcycle In-Traffic (MIT) Test will be waived.
2. Take a written test; get a motorcycle instruction permit; practice and practice; then pass the MIT Test. This process tests your ability to observe, reason and react to a series of common traffic situations.

In both cases you must also satisfy medical and other driver licensing requirements and pay all related fees before you can obtain a Class "M" license.

PREPARE YOURSELF BY FOLLOWING THREE EASY STEPS:

This brochure outlines the three steps it will take to get your license. The tips and suggestions here are endorsed by the statewide Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council, as well as individual motorcyclists and motorcycling organizations.

1 STUDY

Re-read your Wisconsin Motorcyclists' Handbook. Study your Owner's Manual. Learn the controls, traffic laws and motorcycling safety theories. Knowing your motorcycle and the rules of the road will bring you one step closer to getting your license.

2 LEARN FROM AN EXPERIENCED RIDER

If you decide to learn on your own and then take the MIT Test, team up with an experienced rider who can observe your performance and offer tips for improvements. However, you should know that almost all motorcycling groups recommend that you begin with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's *Basic Rider Course*.

This low-cost rider education course is offered at about 40 locations around the state, primarily through the Wisconsin Technical College System. For about \$200.00, you get 16 hours of instruction covering all the basics, plus how to handle special situations. Instructors are trained and certified by the National Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Successfully completing the Basic Motorcycle Rider Course has these added advantages:

- The Motorcycle In-Traffic (MIT) Test will be waived.
- The course gives you time on a motorcycle where you gain helpful experience, skills and knowledge. What you learn will prepare you for real situations while riding—and could even save your life.
- If you violate traffic laws while operating your motorcycle in the year prior to completing the class, you may be eligible to get up to three demerit points taken off your driver's record.

3 PRACTICE

Even if you complete the Basic Motorcycle Rider Course, it is a good idea to continue working with an experienced rider. Practice gives you confidence and helps you make better decisions when you are in traffic.

Practice first on low-traffic, low-speed streets. Then move out onto rural roads to get the feel of your bike at highway speeds. Finally, try locations where you can practice in heavier traffic. Be sure to practice using both your front and rear brakes. **Practice until the use of your controls is second nature and your response to changing traffic situations is instinctive.**

DO YOU QUALIFY?

IN SOME CASES YOU MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN APPROVED BASIC MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSE

You must take the course before applying for a Class "M" driver's license if any of the following apply to you:

- You are under 18 years old.
- You have failed two MIT tests.
- You want to apply for a fourth Motorcycle Instruction Permit. (You must enroll in the course or complete it before you apply for the permit.)

SAFE RIDING!

We hope this brochure helps you prepare for—and achieve—the ultimate goal... getting your Class "M" driver's license. May you enjoy years of safe riding!

For information and locations nearest you that offer the Basic or Experienced Motorcycle Rider Courses, call 1-800-DOT-WMSP (1-800-368-9677) to request the "Get Trained" brochure or go on-line at: <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/modes/motorcycles.htm>

If you qualify and decide to take the MIT Test to get your Class "M" license, you must apply at your local DMV Service Center for a Cycle Instruction Permit. This application will require you to pass a knowledge test and pay appropriate fees for your permit. Once you have a Cycle Instruction Permit, you can go to the DMV's Web site to schedule your MIT Test at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/schedule.htm>

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