

Get Licensed

Q. How do I earn a motorcycle endorsement in Minnesota?

Every person who operates a motorcycle on public roads in Minnesota must have a **valid driver's license** before they can earn a motorcycle instruction permit or license endorsement.

If you are under 18 years of age, you are required to take the MMSC Basic Rider Course. To earn your endorsement, you must:

1. Have a Minnesota driver's license or an instruction permit. It is necessary to have a license or permit to enroll in the Basic Rider Course.
2. Successfully complete the Basic Rider Course. This requires 100 percent attendance and completion of a knowledge test and skill test. Upon completion, you will receive two certificates to take to a Driver and Vehicle Services exam station along with your valid Minnesota driver's license. One certificate will allow you to take the state knowledge test for the motorcycle instruction permit. The other certificate will allow you to take the state skill test for the motorcycle endorsement.
3. Have a Minnesota driver's license—you cannot earn a motorcycle permit or endorsement with a driver's instruction permit.
4. Pass the state knowledge test for the motorcycle instruction permit. You must present the completion certificate. To study for the motorcycle permit test, pick up a copy of the Minnesota Motorcycle/Motorized Bicycle Manual at an exam station.
5. Pass the state skill test for the motorcycle endorsement. You must present the completion certificate.
6. Pay the fee and receive your endorsement.

If you are 18 years of age or older, there are two ways to earn your motorcycle endorsement.

Option 1. Go to a Driver and Vehicle Services exam station. You must:

- Have a Minnesota driver's license.
- Pass the state knowledge test for the motorcycle instruction permit. To study for the motorcycle permit test, pick up a copy of the Minnesota Motorcycle/Motorized Bicycle Manual at an exam station.
- Pass the state skill test for the motorcycle endorsement. (Some exam stations are open late for motorcycle skill tests.)
- Pay the fees.

Option 2. Use the Skill Test Waiver/Third Party Testing option. If you are 18 years of age or older and have a valid Minnesota driver's license and motorcycle instruction permit, the skill test for your motorcycle endorsement will be waived if you successfully complete the Basic Rider Course. You must:

- Pass the state knowledge test at a Driver and Vehicle Services exam station to earn a motorcycle instruction permit. To study for the motorcycle permit test, pick up a copy of the Minnesota Motorcycle/Motorized Bicycle Manual at an exam station.
- To qualify for the skill test waiver, you must have your permit **before** taking the Basic Rider Course skill test. Expired permits are accepted if they have been expired for less than one year.
- Successfully complete the Basic Rider Course. This requires 100 percent attendance and you must pass the Basic Rider Course skill test. Driver and Vehicle Services reserves the right to retest any student, even if he or she passed the course.