

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

PERMITS

Any individual who is seeking a Massachusetts Motorcycle License (“Class M”) must obtain a learner’s permit prior to applying for such a license. To obtain a learner’s permit, an individual must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, complete an application, present valid identification, pay a fee, and pass a knowledge test.

Note: If an applicant does not have a Class D license, he/she must pass both a Class D knowledge test and a Class M knowledge test.

Permit holders are only authorized to operate during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset). Permit holders are prohibited from carrying passengers while operating a motorcycle. An individual cannot convert the learner’s permit to a valid Massachusetts Motorcycle License until having successfully completed the requisite road test or the Massachusetts Rider Education Program. Any permit holder failing the motorcycle road test twice must successfully complete an approved rider training program before scheduling another motorcycle road test or MREP. Prior to the issuance of a Massachusetts Motorcycle License, an individual must pay all associated licensing fees.

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Any individual meeting the above referenced permit requirements who is at least sixteen and one-half (16½) years of age and who has not had a driver’s license or the right to operate revoked may apply to begin the process of obtaining a Class M license at any full-service RMV Branch.



LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS

Massachusetts requires all individuals under age eighteen (18) to possess a restricted operator’s license. This restricted operator’s license is issued to minors between sixteen and one-half (16½) and eighteen (18) years of age and is called a Junior Operator’s License (JOL). Minors seeking or holding a JOL must additionally comply with the following requirements:

- Possess a learner’s permit for a period of at least six (6) months prior to taking the road test
- Maintain a clean driving record for a period of at least six (6) consecutive months prior to taking the road test
- If under age 18, may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Successfully completed a driver’s education course
- Successfully completed the Massachusetts Rider Education Program basic rider course



LICENSE FEES
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Class A (5 Year License)	\$75.00
Class B (5 Year License)	\$75.00
Class C (5 Year License)	\$75.00
Class D (5 Year License)	\$50.00
Class M (5 Year License) [Motorcycle Only]	\$50.00
Motorcycle Endorsement (on existing license)	\$15.00
License Application and Road Test (for all classes)	\$20.00
Class A Permit Application	
(2 year Permit with Combination Vehicle Endorsement)	\$40.00
Permit Application (2 Year Permit Classes B, C, D, M)	\$30.00
CDL Endorsement (with CDL Permit Application)	\$10.00
CDL Endorsement (after CDL Permit Issued)	\$30.00
(Each additional CDL Endorsement during same transaction)	\$10.00
Amend License (Add/Delete Restrictions)	\$15.00
Duplicate License	\$25.00
Duplicate Permit	\$15.00
Duplicate HazMat Certificate	\$10.00
Mass Identification Card (5 Year ID)	\$25.00
Liquor Identification Card (5 Year ID)	\$25.00
Amend Identification Card	\$25.00
Duplicate Identification Card	\$25.00
Out of State License Conversion	
Class A	\$125.00
Class B	\$125.00
Class C	\$125.00
Class D	\$100.00
Class M	\$100.00
Motorcycle Endorsement (on existing license)	\$15.00

Currently, you can opt to pay the knowledge test, road test, and licensing fee when you take the written test. MREP participants are urged to pre-pay all associated fees. If you choose not to pay all associated fees at that time, you can pay the remaining fees when you book your road test. If you are a new Massachusetts resident and have an out-of-state driver's license, you may be eligible to convert your license without testing.

All fees are subject to change at any time.

Alternative Exam Options

If you have a cognitive or physical disability that would prevent you from taking a standard learner's permit exam through ATS, you may request an alternative extended time, paper or oral exam. To request an extended time or paper exam, you must speak to the Branch Manager when you visit the branch. To request an oral exam, please call (617) 351-4505 (this number will change in the near future: check www.mass.gov/rmv for the current number) and leave a message that includes your name, your telephone number, the specifics of your request, and the Registry Branch Office where you would like to take your oral exam. You will then be contacted by a Registry employee who will help you schedule an exam.

Oral exams are only available in English.

For oral exams, you must provide the Branch Manager with written documentation that confirms the nature of your disability. This documentation may be a Doctor's or Social Worker's letter, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or a letter from a school on official letterhead. You will also need to provide all of the required identification documents (see Identification Requirements section).

An oral exam will only be provided if it has been scheduled in advance by calling the number above. Extended time and paper exams do not need to be scheduled in advance.

ROAD TEST

EQUIPMENT

The motorcycle you use for your Class M road test should be safe and in good working order. Your road test will be canceled if the examiner believes your motorcycle is unsafe. Additionally, you must show the examiner your motorcycle's registration document and a valid inspection sticker.

Motorcycles registered in Massachusetts must undergo an annual safety inspection and receive a passing inspection certificate.

If your motorcycle is registered out of state, you will have to show the examiner proof of insurance coverage equal to Massachusetts' minimum limits, which are \$20,000/\$40,000 for bodily injury and \$5,000 for property damage.

As a motorcycle operator, you must also wear a US DOT standard helmet. State law requires your helmet to comply with the US DOT's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218. Helmets meeting this standard will be labeled with stickers on the interior and exterior of the helmet.

When operating a motorcycle, operators must wear eyeglasses, goggles, or a protective face shield, unless the motorcycle has a windshield or screen.