

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.

LIMITED USE VEHICLES AND TRIKES

Permit Holders can obtain a motorcycle license with a “J” restriction to operate limited use vehicles and trikes (3-wheeled vehicles). This will allow you to take a Class M road test using a limited use vehicle or trike. You will then be limited to using the license to operate the type of vehicle that was used for the road test.

Limited Use Vehicles

If you take a road test on a limited use vehicle, you will receive a Class M license with a “J” restriction with the following description:

Motorcycle – limited use vehicle only

Trikes

If you take a road test on a trike, you will receive a Class M license with a “J” restriction with the following description:

Motorcycle – limited to 3-wheels only

ROAD TEST PROCEDURES

Road tests are scheduled close together; you must be on time for your test. If you are late for your appointment, you will not be tested and you will be required to pay the road test fee.

Before your road test begins, the RMV examiner will inspect your motorcycle to insure that it is registered, properly insured, inspected, and that all equipment is in good working order. The RMV examiner will also assess your knowledge of motorcycle equipment and controls.

For the road test, the RMV examiner will observe your ability to operate a motorcycle. Your road test will consist of some or all of the following riding skills:

- “Figure-Eights” and “360° Circles” in both directions without your feet touching the roadway
- Normal starts and stops
- Driving in traffic
- Crossing intersections
- Making turns
- Riding up and down hills

If you fail two (2) motorcycle road tests for a Class M license, you must enroll in and successfully complete the basic riding course approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles prior to scheduling another road test.

COMMON REASONS FOR FAILING A ROAD TEST

- You were at fault in an accident with another motor vehicle, pedestrian, or object.
- You were driving in a way that may have caused an accident or in a way the RMV examiner considered dangerous.
- You violated a motor vehicle law, rule, or regulation.
- You demonstrated a lack of experience safely operating a motorcycle.
- You refused to follow the RMV examiner's instructions.
- You drove contrary to the RMV examiner's instructions.

POLICIES ON CANCELLATIONS & FEES

Whenever a public school system cancels classes for weather-related reasons, road tests scheduled in the school system's community will be canceled automatically for the entire day. Road tests will also be canceled automatically when the Governor declares a state of emergency. If the Governor declares an emergency in a particular region, only road tests in that region will be canceled.

Road Test Examiners may also cancel road tests when weather conditions are considered unsafe. To determine if your road test has been canceled, please call the RMV's Phone Center. In any of the preceding cases, you may schedule a new road test at no additional fee.

However, you will be charged the road test fee if you...

- Fail the road test
- Are unprepared for the road test
- Are refused the road test because your motorcycle fails to pass the RMV examiner's inspection
- Fail to appear for or are late for your road test
- Cancel or reschedule your road test less than twenty-four (24) hours before your scheduled test time