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STATE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR LICENSING – 2007

State	Operator Licenses (2005)		Vehicle Registrations (2005)		Tiered Licensing System (4)	Rider Education Required for Licensing
	Auto	Motorcycle	Auto	Motorcycle		
Alabama	4,634,533	1,923,243	4,507,751	81,086	Yes, ≤ 5 bhp or ≤ 150 cc	No
Alaska	449,096	36,521	659,981	21,134	No	No
Arizona	4,072,080	222,784	3,776,114	209,048	Yes, ≤ 100 cc	(2)
Arkansas	2,024,466	100,069 (1)	1,917,503	43,668	Yes, ≤ 250 cc	No
California	22,897,965	1,033,651	31,399,596	626,529	No	Yes, under age 21
Colorado	3,287,017	303,746	2,023,292	118,159	No	No
Connecticut	2,311,481	197,847	3,041,592	64,754	No	Yes, under age 18
Delaware	610,406	35,415 (1)	711,039	17,485	No	Yes, under age 18
D.C.	330,363	N/A	238,802	1601	No	No
Florida	15,272,680	807,862	15,057,473	461,935	Yes, ≤ 150 cc	Yes, under age 21 (3)
Georgia	5,939,513	231,013 (1)	7,882,365	129,439	No	No
Hawaii	856,163	44,378	947,412	23,106	No	No
Idaho	985,000	52,565	1,344,124	49,578	No	Yes, under age 21
Illinois	8,524,976	579,917	9,231,541	276,122	Yes, < 150 cc	Yes, under age 18 for > 150 cc
Indiana	4,926,277	233,434	5,524,752	153,566	No	No
Iowa	1,907,198	234,472	3,369,431	140,000	No	Yes, under age 18
Kansas	1,974,238	160,000 (1)	2,346,522	61,651	No	No
Kentucky	2,860,729	192,560	3,319,034	53,478	No	No
Louisiana	3,083,516	79,785 (1)	3,766,793	55,846	No	No
Maine	932,455	108,047	1,068,064	38,712	No	Yes
Maryland	3,466,122	202,103	4,119,664	72,844	No	Yes, under age 18
Massachusetts	4,612,829	232,730 (1)	5,456,267	136,887	No	No
Michigan	7,235,623	498,693	8,398,621	228,856	No	Yes, under age 18
Minnesota	3,800,000	346,169	4,593,349	188,903	No	Yes, under age 18
Mississippi	1,965,464	54,804 (1)	1,964,488	27,162	No	No
Missouri	4,139,632	311,764	4,812,096	77,519	Yes, ≤ 250 cc	No
Montana	720,000	108,000	1,008,701	47,967	No	No
Nebraska	1,151,104	88,677	1,689,072	28,671	No	No
Nevada	1,685,084	107,761	1,281,424	44,803	No	No
New Hampshire	998,214	120,987 (1)	1,178,312	66,319	No	Yes, under age 18
New Jersey	5,870,720	264,100 (1)	6,224,256	149,911	No	No
New Mexico	5,100,000	58,400	1,542,964	36,294	Yes, ≤ 100 cc	Yes, under age 18
New York	11,071,911	593,268	11,098,785	170,148	No	No
North Carolina	6,460,322	352,413	6,198,470	100,366	No	No
North Dakota	467,703	46,173	700,882	20,953	Yes, ≤ 250 cc	Yes, under age 16 (limited to < 250 cc)
Ohio	7,948,601	645,112	10,636,290	298,652	No	Yes, under age 18
Oklahoma	2,296,680	145,790	3,150,989	84,651	Yes, ≤ 250 cc	No
Oregon	2,800,000	200,571	3,003,227	75,453	No	Yes, under age 21
Pennsylvania	8,526,210	774,500	9,821,267	292,196	No	No
Rhode Island	712,890	63,582	807,995	26,506	No	Yes
South Carolina	3,038,238	152,915	3,257,072	60,029	No	No
South Dakota	562,019	65,019	841,167	41,602	No	No
Tennessee	4,351,868	214,473 (1)	5,034,662	108,659	Yes, ≤ 5 bhp or ≤ 125 cc	No
Texas	17,582,582	803,116	16,906,714	286,992	Yes, ≤ 250	Yes, under age 18
Utah	1,805,471	137,446	2,084,424	44,386	No	No
Vermont	564,893	56,963	523,212	28,304	No	No
Virginia	5,391,980	245,277	6,497,426	75,457	No	No
Washington	4,681,927	370,314 (1)	5,535,236	160,227	No	Yes, under age 18
West Virginia	1,327,569	76,709 (1)	1,396,420	19,534	No	No
Wisconsin	4,100,000	420,000	4,705,069	232,808	Yes, ≤ 125 cc	Yes, under age 18
Wyoming	382,735	44,385 (1)	640,914	30,615	No	No
Totals	278,698,542	14,379,523	237,242,616	5,780,870		

N/A=Not Available

(1) 2002 Information

(2) For under 18, rider education or parental certification of 25 hours of supervised motorcycle practice required.

(3) Effective 7/1/08, required for all ages

(4) May obtain motorcycle license at younger age for small displacement motorcycles.

Motorcyclist Learner Permits

State	Issue Fee/ Renewal Fee	Issuance Test For Permit	Duration	Restrictions
Alabama	\$23/\$23	Knowledge	N/A	N/A
Alaska	\$15/ \$5	Knowledge	2 Years	Supervision
Arizona	\$7/ \$7	Knowledge	6 Months	No Passenger, No Freeway, Time of Day
Arkansas (1)	\$5/\$0	Knowledge	6 Months	N/A
California	\$27/\$27	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, No Freeway, Time of Day
Colorado	\$10.60/ \$10.60	Knowledge	5 Years	N/A
Connecticut	\$0/ \$5.50	Knowledge	60 Days	No Passenger, No Freeway, Time of Day, Helmet, Eye Protection
Delaware (1)	\$8/\$2	Knowledge	60 Days	No Passenger, No Freeway, Time of Day, Helmet, Eye Protection
D.C. (1)	\$15/\$15	Knowledge & Skill	1 Year	N/A
Florida	\$0/ \$0	Knowledge	90 Days	No Passenger
Georgia (1)	\$10/\$10	Knowledge	6 Months	Helmet, No Passenger, Restricted Roadways, Time of Day
Hawaii	\$5/ \$5	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, Time of Day
Idaho	\$11.50/ \$11.50	Knowledge	180 Days	No Passenger, No Freeways, Time of Day
Illinois	\$10/ \$10	Knowledge	2 yrs. under 18; 1 yr. 18 or over	Time of Day, Supervision
Indiana	\$9/ \$9	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, Time of Day, Helmet
Iowa	\$6/ N/A	Knowledge	4 Years	Supervision
Kansas (1)	\$4/\$4	Knowledge	1 Year	Supervision
Kentucky	\$12/ \$12	Knowledge & Skill	1 Year	No Passenger, Eye Protection, Helmet
Louisiana*	-	-	-	-
Maine	\$10/ N/A	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, Time of Day
Maryland	\$45/ \$0	Knowledge	6 Months	No Passenger, Supervision
Massachusetts	\$30/N\$30	Knowledge	2 Years	Helmet, Eye Protection, No Passenger, Time of Day
Michigan	\$13.50/ \$12.50	Knowledge	180 Days	No Passenger, Time of Day, Supervision, Helmet, Eye Protection
Minnesota	\$21/ \$1	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, No Freeway, Time of Day, Helmet
Mississippi (1)	\$1/\$1	Knowledge & Skill	1 Year	Supervision, Helmet
Missouri	\$1/ \$1	Knowledge & Traffic Signs	6 Months	No Passenger, Time of Day, 250cc, Under 18, Daylight Driving Only
Montana	\$0.50/ N/A	Knowledge	1 Year	Supervision, Helmet
Nebraska	\$8/ \$8	Knowledge	1 Year	N/A
Nevada	\$26.75/ 26.75	Knowledge	8 Months	No Passenger, Time of Day, Supervision
New Hampshire	\$30/\$5	Knowledge	30 Days	No Passenger, Time of Day, Helmet
New Jersey (1)	\$5/\$5	Knowledge	90 Days	No Passenger
New Mexico	\$7/\$7	Knowledge	6 Months	No Passenger, Under 18, Time of Day, Helmet
New York	\$14/ \$14	Knowledge	1 Year	Supervision
North Carolina	\$15/ \$15	Knowledge & Traffic Signs	18 Months	No Passenger
North Dakota	\$10/ \$8	Knowledge	6 Months	No Passenger, Time of Day
Ohio	\$19.50/ \$19.50	Knowledge	1 Year	Helmet, No Passenger, Restricted Roadways, Time of Day, Eye Protection
Oklahoma	\$25.50/ \$21.50	Knowledge & Car	4 Years	N/A
Oregon	\$18/ \$18	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, Time of Day, Helmet, Supervision
Pennsylvania	\$10/ \$5	Knowledge	1 Year	No Passenger, Time of Day, Supervision
Rhode Island	\$25/ N/A	Knowledge & Skill	18 Months	None
South Carolina	\$2.50/ \$2.50	Knowledge	1 Year	Helmet
South Dakota	\$8/ \$8	Knowledge & Skill	30 Days	No Passenger, Helmet Under Age 18, Supervision
Tennessee (1)	\$6.50/\$0	Knowledge & Skill	1 Year	Helmet, No Passenger, Restricted Roadways, Time of Day, cc Restrictions (certain ages)
Texas	\$15/ \$32	Knowledge	Varies	Supervision
Utah	\$7.50/ \$7.50	Knowledge	6 Months	No Passenger & Time of Day, No Major Highway
Vermont	\$7 test fee/ \$0	Knowledge	120 Days	Daytime Only, No Passenger, VT Only, May Only be Renewed Twice
Virginia	\$3/ N/A	Knowledge	1 Year	Helmet, No Passenger, Restricted Roadways, Time of Day, Supervision, Parent Consent
Washington (1)	\$15/\$15	Knowledge & Skill	90 Days	No Passenger, Time of Day
West Virginia (1)	\$5/\$5	Knowledge & Skill	90 Days	Helmet, No Passenger, Time of Day, Eye Protection
Wisconsin	\$22/ \$22	Knowledge	6 Months	Helmet, No Passenger (except class M license holder with 2 years of licensure), Time of Day unless accompanied by licensed person age 25 or older)
Wyoming (1)	\$0/\$0	Knowledge	90 Days	None

* Louisiana does not have a motorcycle learner's permit system.

State Licensing Agency Information

<i>State</i>	<i>Knowledge/ Skills Testing Agency</i>	<i>License Issuance Agency</i>	<i>Operator License Test Sites</i>	<i>M/C License Test Sites</i>	<i># Examiners Who Test Motorcyclists</i>	<i>3rd Party Testers Used</i>
Alabama	DPS	Same	78	78	113	None
Alaska	DMV	Same	33	33	40	10
Arizona	DMV	Same	59	22	178	13
Arkansas (1)	State Police	Dept. of Finance & Admin., Revenue Div.	100	100	37	None
California	DMV	Same	170	170	700	None
Colorado	DMV	Same	34 (state)	11 (state)	45	73
Connecticut	DMV/ DOT	DMV	11	7	45	20
Delaware (1)	DMV	Same	4	3	27	None
D.C. (1)	DMV	Same	2	1	6	None
Florida	Highway Safety & MV	Same	181	73	450	MC/CDL
Georgia (1)	DPS/ Dept. of Motor Vehicle Safety	Same	57	40	110	MC/CDL
Hawaii	Co. Examiner Drivers Sec.	Same	16	7	48	None
Idaho	Co. Sheriff's DMV Offices/ ID 3rd Party Skills Testing	County Sheriff's DMV Offices	192	28	None	MC/CDL
Illinois	Sec. of State	Same	117	101	638	None
Indiana	BMV/ ABATE	BMV	170	22	None	ABATE
Iowa	DOT – Driver Services	Same	109	76	189	None
Kansas (1)	Driver's License Bureau	Same	34	34	150	None
Kentucky	State Police	Circuit Court	140	140	75	None
Louisiana (1)	DPS	Same	84	84	450	MC
Maine	BMV/BMV 3rd Party	BMV	36	36	36	None
Maryland	Motor Vehicle Administration	Same	15	15	152	MC Safety Instructors
Massachusetts (1)	Registry of Motor Vehicles/ State Police	Registry of Motor Vehicles	37	42	114	MC
Michigan	Sec. of State	Sec. of State/ Dept. of State	Skills - 323	Skills - 134	169	84
Minnesota	DPS	Same	93	75	105	MC/CDL
Mississippi (1)	Hwy. Patrol	Same	60	60	51	CDL
Missouri	Hwy. Patrol	Dept. of Revenue	154	138	205	None
Montana	DMV	Same	48	48	34	MT MSF
Nebraska	DMV	Same	98	98	79	None
Nevada	DMV	Same	16	16	75	None
New Hampshire (1)	DPS	Same	14	14	23	MC
New Jersey (1)	DMV	Same	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Mexico	DMV	Same	68	68	68	MC/CDL
New York	DMV	Same	138	96	164	None
North Carolina	DMV	Same	145	120	545	20
North Dakota	DOT	Same	38	38	39	None
Ohio	Highway Patrol	BMV	85	70	220	None
Oklahoma	Driver's License Div.	TAG Agents	59	59	125	None
Oregon	Driver & M/V Services Div.	Same	50	36	350	None
Pennsylvania	DOT	Same	72	71	151	513 MC/CDL
Rhode Island	CCRI	DMV	6	0	0	CCRI
South Carolina	DMV	Same	68	51	139	30 MRC Instructors
South Dakota	DPS	Same	54	54	47	MC/CDL
Tennessee (1)	Dept. of Safety	Same	102	102	243	MC/CDL
Texas	DPS/ Driver's License Div.	Same	256	256	402	None
Utah	Driver's License Division	Same	22	22	175	None
Vermont	DMV	Same	11	6	9	33 - MSF Certified RiderCoaches
Virginia	DMV	Same	71	71	200	17
Washington (1)	Dept. of Licensing	Same	68	52	147	None
West Virginia (1)	State Police	DMV	55	55	16	Law Enforcement Exam
Wisconsin	DOT /DMV	Same	104	36	100	None
Wyoming (1)	WyDOT	Same	29	29	45	None

Motorcycle Knowledge Testing

<i>State</i>	<i>Handbook Used</i>	<i>Knowledge Tests</i>	<i>Automated Test</i>
Alabama	MOM	Yes	Yes
Alaska	MOM	MSF	Yes
Arizona	MOM	Local	Yes
Arkansas (1)	Local	Local	No
California	MOM	MSF	No
Colorado	MOM	Local	No
Connecticut	MOM	Local	Yes
Delaware (1)	MOM	MSF	Yes
D.C. (1)	Local	N/A	Yes
Florida	MOM	MSF	Yes
Georgia (1)	MOM	MSF	No
Hawaii	MOM	MSF	No
Idaho	Modified MOM	MSF	No
Illinois	Modified MOM	MSF/Local	Yes
Indiana	MOM	MSF	Yes
Iowa	MOM	MSF	Yes
Kansas (1)	MOM	MSF	No
Kentucky	Local	Local	Yes
Louisiana (1)	MOM	MSF	Yes
Maine	Modified MOM	Local	No
Maryland	Local	MSF	Yes
Massachusetts (1)	Local	Local	Yes
Michigan	MOM	Local	No
Minnesota	Modified MOM	Local	Yes
Mississippi (1)	MOM	Local	No
Missouri	MOM	MSF	Yes (17 stations)
Montana	MOM	MSF	Yes
Nebraska	MOM	MSF	Yes
Nevada	MOM	MSF	No
New Hampshire (1)	Local	Local	No
New Jersey (1)	MOM	N/A	Yes
New Mexico	MOM	MSF/Local	No
New York	MOM	MSF	Yes
North Carolina	MOM	MSF	Yes
North Dakota	MOM	MSF	Yes
Ohio	MOM	MSF/Local	Yes
Oklahoma	MOM	MSF	No
Oregon	Modified MOM	Modified MSF	Yes
Pennsylvania	Modified MOM	MSF/Local	Yes
Rhode Island	MRC:RSS	N/A	No
South Carolina	Local	Modified MSF	Yes
South Dakota	MOM	MSF	Yes
Tennessee (1)	MOM	Modified MOM	Yes
Texas	MOM	MSF	Yes
Utah	MOM	MSF	No
Vermont	MSF MOM or Basic RiderCourse Handbook	MSF	At some locations
Virginia	MOM	MSF	Yes
Washington (1)	MOM	MSF	Yes
West Virginia (1)	MOM	MSF	No
Wisconsin	MOM	Local	Yes
Wyoming (1)	MOM	MSF	No

Motorcycle Skills Testing

State	Primary Skills Test	Secondary Skills Test	Rider Education Waiver	Accept Completion Card From Other State	3-Wheel Sidecar Testing	3-Wheel Sidecar Operation Restriction
Alabama	None	None	No	No	No	None
Alaska	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-Wheel Only
Arizona	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	No	No	None
Arkansas	Serpentine (1)	None (1)	Yes	Yes	No (1)	None (1)
California	Serpentine & Slow Ride	None	Yes	No	No	None
Colorado	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Connecticut	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	No	No	None
Delaware	Alternate MOST (1)	None (1)	Yes	Yes	No (1)	None (1)
D.C.	Alternate MOST (1)	Local Off-Street (1)	No	No	No (1)	None (1)
Florida	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Modified M/C Skill Test	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Georgia	MLST (1)	MLST (1)	Yes	No	Car Skill Test (1)	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only (1)
Hawaii	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	No	Yes	3-Wheel Only
Idaho	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Illinois	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	No	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Indiana	Alternate MOST	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Iowa	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Modified Alternate MOST	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Kansas	Alternate MOST (1)	None (1)	Yes	N/A	Yes (1)	None (1)
Kentucky	Local Off-Street	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-Wheel Only - Trike
Louisiana	Local On-Street (1)	None (1)	Yes	No	No (1)	None (1)
Maine	Local On-Street	None	No	Yes	Yes	None
Maryland	Local Off-Street	Local Off-Street	Yes	No	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Massachusetts	Local Off-Street (1)	Local Off-Street (1)	Yes	Yes	Modified M/C Skill Test (1)	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only (1)
Michigan	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	No	Modified Alternate MOST	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Minnesota	Alternate MOST	Alternate MOST	Yes	No	Modified M/C Skill Test	3-Wheel Only
Mississippi	M/C In-Traffic (1)	Local On-Street (1)	No	N/A	Car Skill Test (1)	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only (1)
Missouri	Local Off-Street	None	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, Displayed as "W" Restriction
Montana	Alternate MOST	Local On-Street	Yes	No	Modified M/C Skill Test	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Nebraska	MIT	Alternate MOST	Yes	No	MIT	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Nevada	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
New Hampshire	Alternate MOST (1)	Alternate MOST (1)	Yes	N/A	Car Skill Test (1)	Full M/C Privilege (1)
New Jersey	Alternate MOST (1)	None (1)	Yes	No	Yes (1)	Full M/C Privilege (1)
New Mexico	Alternate MOST	Local On-Street	Yes	Yes	Modified M/C Skill Test	Full M/C Privilege
New York	Local On-Street	None	Yes	No	Modified M/C Skill Test	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
North Carolina	Local Off-Street	None	Yes	Yes	Yes	None
North Dakota	Alternate MOST	Local Off-Street	Yes	Yes	Modified Alternate MOST	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Ohio	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Modified M/C Skill Test	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Oklahoma	Local On-Street	None	Yes	Yes	No	None
Oregon	Alternate MOST	None	Yes	Yes	Modified M/C Skill Test	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Pennsylvania	Local Off-Street	Local Off-Street	Yes	No	Modified M/C Skill Test	Full M/C Privilege
Rhode Island	MRC:RSS	None	No	No	No	None
South Carolina	Modified Alternate Most	None	Yes	N/A	Yes	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
South Dakota	M/C In-Traffic	Local On-Street	Yes	N/A	Car Skill Test	Full M/C Privilege
Tennessee	Local Off-Street (1)	Local On-Street (1)	Yes	Yes	Car Skill Test (1)	Full M/C Privilege (1)
Texas	M/C In-Traffic	None	Yes	Yes	M/C In-Traffic	N/A
Utah	Alternate MOST	Modified Alternate MOST	Yes	No	Modified Alternate MOST	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Vermont	Alternate MOST	BRC & ERC Lic. Waiver Skill Test	Yes	Yes	Knowledge Test	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Virginia	Alternate MOST	Local Off-Street	Yes	Yes	Local	None
Washington	Alternate MOST (1)	None (1)	Yes	Yes	M/C In-Traffic (1)	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only (1)
West Virginia	Alternate MOST (1)	Alternate MOST (1)	Yes	N/A	N/A (1)	N/A (1)
Wisconsin	MIT	None	Yes	Yes	MIT	Sidecar, 3-Wheel Only
Wyoming	Alternate MOST (1)	None (1)	Yes	Yes	No (1)	None (1)