


TEXAS MOTORCYCLE LAWS

A service of the Texas Motorcycle Dealers Association

	STREET LEGAL MOTORCYCLES		OFF ROAD		
	MOPED 50 cc or less, 30 mph max, no shifting	MOTORCYCLE	DIRT MOTORCYCLE	ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV)	UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLE
FEES					
Motor Vehicle Tax	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Sales Tax	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Title	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Registration (License Plate)	YES	YES	License plate not available since vehicle designed for off road use only.		
				OHV sticker required for use on public land from Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.	
LICENSE REQUIREMENTS					
Age: 18 & Over	Written test only	Written test and driving test. *	Operator's license not required.	Operator's license not required. Safety training class and certificate required for use on any public land.	Operator's license not required.
Age: 16 to 17	Written test only	Written test and driving test. * Classroom driver's ed. Basic motorcycle course.			
Age: 15 (Minimum Age)	Written test only	Restricted to 250cc until 16 years old. Written test and driving test. Classroom driver's ed. Basic motorcycle course.			
HELMET REQUIREMENTS					
	YES Exemption allowed for persons 21 years and older having proof of motorcycle safety course completion or \$10,000 in medical insurance (example - HMO or PPO insurance card). Persons may apply for a Helmet Exempt Sticker online at www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb/helmetlaws.htm .		NO but highly recommended.	YES on public land.	NO

*Driving test may be waived if person is over 15 years old, has a valid Class A, B or C license, not instructional permit, and has completed Basic Motorcycle Operator Training Course.

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