


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 or at ROHV recreational areas improved or purchased with TPWD ROHV grants. Sticker purchased from Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.		
LICENSE REQUIREMENTS					
Age: 25 & Over	Basic motorcycle course, written test, driving test. ^{a, b}		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: 18 to 24	Driver's Education, Basic motorcycle course, written test, driving test. ^{a, b}				
Age: 15-17 (Minimum Age)	Driver's Education, Basic motorcycle course, written test, driving test, restricted to 250cc until age 16. ^{a, b}				
HELMET REQUIREMENTS					
	YES Exemption allowed for persons 21 years and older having proof of motorcycle safety course completion or medical insurance (example - HMO or PPO insurance card). For more information on insurance requirements, contact the Texas Department of Insurance at 800-252-3439.		NO but highly recommended.	YES on public land.	NO

a. Driving test may be waived if person is over 17 years old, has a valid Class A, B or C license, not instructional permit, and has completed Basic Motorcycle Operator Training Course.

b. Trike (3-wheeled vehicle) operators are required to take a trike-specific training course and the license will be restricted to only trike operation.

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