


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
F E E S					
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	YES	License plate not available since vehicle designed for off road use only.	
Decal for Off-Road Use	YES 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.				
L I C E N S E R E Q U I R E M E N T S					
Age: 25 & Over	Basic motorcycle course, written test, driving test. ^{a, b, c}		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. Safety training class and certificate required for use on any public land.
Age: 18 to 24	Driver's Education, Basic motorcycle course, written test, driving test. ^{a, b, c}				
Age: 15-17 (Minimum Age)	Driver's Education (Teen driver course, Distracted driver course), Basic motorcycle course, written test, driving test, restricted to 250cc until age 16. ^{a, b, c}				
H E L M E T R E Q U I R E M E N T S					
	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.	YES on public land.

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. Completion of a three-wheeled training course will result in the issuance of a Class M license with a trike restriction.

Completion of a two-wheel training course will result in the issuance of an unrestricted Class M license (persons age 15 will be restricted to 250cc).

c. Class M written test is waived if person has completed Basic Motorcycle Operator Training Course. Written test cannot be waived for moped restriction.

Class C written test will be administered if no previous class license has been issued.

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