



## Getting a Motorcycle Driver's License 2024

Nevada issues a Class M driver's license rather than an endorsement. Both your Class A, B or C and Class M are listed on one license. If you are applying for your first Class M license, you may either complete an approved [Motorcycle Safety Foundation \(MSF\)](#) course or take the DMV motorcycle written and skills tests.

Riders under 18 must comply with all the [Nevada Teen Driving](#) requirements on age, holding a permit, etc. If you are moving to Nevada and are currently licensed in the U.S., Nevada transfers motorcycle endorsements and Class M licenses from most other states. See our [New Resident Guide](#).

### Take an MSF Course

You do not have to take the DMV written and skills tests if you complete an MSF-certified course. [Nevada Rider](#) offers information on classes available in your area, including courses available from motorcycle dealerships and Nevada public colleges where a motorcycle is provided and an instruction permit isn't necessary. They can also answer questions on motorcycle safety.

### Take the DMV Written Test

If you choose to take the knowledge (written) and skills (driving) tests in person at a [DMV Office](#), study the [DMV motorcycle handbook \(PDF\)](#) and then be sure to bring your existing Nevada driver's license or ID card. Offices in Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, and Carson City require appointments and a \$25 testing fee will apply in addition to the [licensing fee](#).

If you do not currently hold a Class C license, you will have to take a Class C written test in addition to the Class M. If you do not have a Nevada license or ID, you will need to bring [proof of identity](#). A completed application for driving privileges or ID card is required for both: [English \(PDF\)](#), [Spanish \(PDF\)](#), [Tagalog \(PDF\)](#).

### Take the DMV Skills Test

You must pass the knowledge test before you schedule your skills test, which requires a second appointment. Some of the larger DMV offices offer tests on a stand-by basis. Not all DMV locations offer tests. Be sure to have your instruction permit number ready when you [schedule online](#).

See Motorcycle Skills Test for a preview of the course and test requirements. If you fail to pass the skills test two or more times, you will no longer be able to go through the DMV to obtain a Class M license and will have to take an MSF course.

### Instruction Permit

A motorcycle instruction permit allows you to practice driving when you are accompanied by and in direct visual supervision of a licensed driver who has a valid motorcycle license, is at least 21



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years of age, has at least one year of driving experience, and is also riding on a motorcycle at the time of supervision. When driving with this kind of permit, you may drive during daylight hours only, may not carry passengers, or drive on freeways or high-speed roadways.

### Age 18 years and older

- Riders aged 18 years or older who take an MSF course are not required to receive an instruction permit. It is your choice whether to obtain a permit.
- If you do not want a permit, you may not ride a motorcycle until you have completed the skills test. A licensed motorcycle operator will have to ride the cycle to the DMV for your skills test.
- If you do decide to get a permit, it is valid for six months and may be renewed once every five years.

### Under 18 years old

- Riders under 18 years old must obtain and hold a motorcycle instruction permit for a minimum of six months, complete 50 hours of supervised experience on a motorcycle while holding a motorcycle instruction permit and document it on a DMV drive log, and successfully complete a course in motorcycle safety. (If no course is offered within a 30-mile radius of your residence, you may complete an additional 50 hours of supervised experience.
- Your permit is valid for one year and may be renewed multiple times. Permits will expire when the rider reaches 18 years of age.

## Get Your License

Upon successful completion of the DMV skills test, the DMV will take your picture and your new license will be mailed to you. The cost is \$8.25 for adding a motorcycle endorsement.

If you successfully complete a MSF course, bring the Certification of Completion (MSF card) and your existing driver's license to a [DMV office](#) and if all requirements are met, your new license will be mailed to you. Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, and Carson City offices require appointments. The DMV will accept MSF courses up to one year after completion.

## Class M Restrictions

If you take the skills test on a motorcycle of less than 90cc, your license will be restricted to 90cc or less (Restriction U). If you take the test on a moped of less than 50cc, your license will be restricted to 50cc or less (Restriction Q).