

17) Driver's licence information

You must not operate a motorcycle on any street or highway unless you hold a licence/endorsement authorizing the operation of a motorcycle.

You must pass a written test on motorcycle traffic laws and safe driving practices plus a vision screening to obtain a "6" endorsement (learner's) on a Saskatchewan driver's licence.

In preparing to become a licensed motorcycle driver, you are encouraged to attend a motorcycle training course.

Endorsement "6"

A "6" endorsement on a Class 1 - 7 licence is an authority for the operation of a motorcycle for learning purposes only. Holders are subject to the following restrictions:

- They may not operate a motorcycle from half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise.
- They may not carry passengers.
- They must operate within a 100 km radius of the address or secondary address shown on the certificate of registration for the motorcycle.

To obtain a "6" (learner's) endorsement on a Saskatchewan driver's licence you must:

- be at least 16 years old
- pass the three knowledge tests – sign identification
 - motorcycle driving situations
 - rules of the road
- meet minimum medical and vision standards

Endorsement "M"

An "M" endorsement on a Class 1 - 5 or 7 Saskatchewan driver's licence is an unrestricted motorcycle driver's licence.

To add an "M" endorsement, you must:

- be at least 16 years old
- have held a Class 7 licence for at least nine months
- hold a valid Saskatchewan driver's licence with Endorsement "6"
- successfully complete an in-traffic road test

Driver's licence restrictions

The following restrictions will be placed on your driving authority if the road test is taken on a motorcycle under 50 cc's or a three-wheeled motorcycle:

- 1) Restriction J – motorcycles under 50 cc's only in Endorsement M
 - larger motorcycles as a learner only
- 2) Restriction H – operation of three-wheeled motorcycles only in Endorsement M
 - operation of two-wheeled motorcycles as a learner only

Becoming a driver

Once you feel confident about taking the driver examination, contact your nearest SGI motor licence issuer to arrange an appointment in your area. Be sure to obtain a receipt for each written or road test from any licence issuer before the test is booked. Appointments can be made by phoning toll free 1-800-667-5111 for southern Saskatchewan and 1-800-667-5105 for northern Saskatchewan. If you are booking your test in Regina or Saskatoon, call 775-6174 in Regina and 683-2320 in Saskatoon; do not call the toll free numbers. If you do not cancel your appointment and you do not show up for an exam, there can be a four-week waiting period until the next appointment.

You are required to show proof of age by a birth certificate, passport or any document acceptable to SGI. Be sure to take several pieces of **original identification** with you. Photocopies of these documents are **not** acceptable. If your name has changed due to marriage or other reasons, please bring documentation that supports the name change.

Graduated Driver's Licensing

Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL) is designed to assist new drivers in gaining valuable experience as they work towards becoming fully qualified drivers.

The program is a staged introduction of new drivers into the driving environment. Drivers gradually move into higher-risk driving situations after gaining experience in lower-risk situations.

There are three stages to Saskatchewan's GDL – Learner, Novice 1 and Novice 2. As drivers pass through the stages, they see fewer restrictions at each stage until they graduate to an experienced Class 5 driver's licence. If a new driver displays good driving experience with no incidents or interruptions, they will graduate to a Class 5 licence in 18 months. Any incidents or interruptions delay graduation to an experienced licence.

For more information please refer to the GDL brochure or visit SGI's website at www.sgi.sk.ca.

Knowledge tests

The knowledge tests include:

- sign identification
- motorcycle driving situations
- rules of the road

If you fail part of this test, you will be required to rewrite the examination(s) you failed. **You may only write once per day.**

Vision test

The vision test may include:

- a visual acuity test
- a field of vision test
- distance judgment

There are certain minimum standards which you must meet. If you fail to meet these standards, you may be referred to an ophthalmologist or optometrist for further testing and possible prescription of glasses or lenses. If you can pass the eye test only when you are wearing your glasses or lenses, then you will be issued a restricted licence. Your driver's licence will be valid only when you are wearing corrective eyewear.

Road test

You must obtain and produce a receipt for each road test before the test is booked. Photocopies of receipts are not acceptable.

You are required to take the road test on an appropriate motorcycle. You must supply the motorcycle.

The road test is an evaluation of your ability to operate a motorcycle. You will be tested on:

- starting
- stopping
- turning
- traffic signs and signals
- passing vehicles and lane driving
- travelling through controlled and uncontrolled intersections
- proper lane positioning
- anticipation of hazardous conditions in the making
- other safe driving practices such as speed selection and steering techniques

A road test will be refused if:

- you are late for your appointment
- you do not have the appropriate receipt and driver's licence
- the motorcycle is unsafe or not equipped in accordance with legislation
- you do not meet the vision or medical fitness requirements
- you do not have appropriate helmet/eye protection

At the end of the road test, you will receive a complete report and any errors will be explained to you. If you fail your test, the report will indicate where improvement is required. When you have had more practice, you may make an appointment for another road test. You must pay an additional fee and present a new valid receipt to the driver examiner before each road test.

You will fail the road test if you:

- exceed the speed limit
- are involved in a collision for which you are more than 50 per cent responsible
- fail to stop where required
- use your feet improperly or excessively
- fail to yield to vehicles and pedestrians
- fail to wear eye protection properly
- fail to follow a request of the examiner
- require the assistance of the examiner
- have various combinations of minor mistakes

Registering your motorcycle

All motorcycles operated on a public highway (roadway) must be registered. The certificate of registration should be carried with the operator and must be produced when requested by a police officer.

Documents required

- a) New vehicle: A bill of sale and a New Vehicle Information Statement (new vehicles only) or manufacturer's Statement of Origin are required to register the vehicle. A Motorcycle Inspection Certificate may be required (see point d).
- b) Transfer from another province: Current out-of-province registration is acceptable as proof of ownership provided that the same name also appears on the Saskatchewan application.
- c) Imported motorcycle: A K22 Customs Clearance Card must be presented.

- d) Motorcycle Inspection Form: All motorcycles with the engine capacity of 474 cc or greater must have the serial numbers inspected prior to registering, except when the application for registration is accompanied by a New Vehicle Information Statement. To make an appointment for an inspection, please contact your nearest municipal police force or SGI claims centre.
- e) Proof of identity: A birth certificate or baptismal certificate with a second identification document must be presented when an applicant has not previously been issued a Personal Identification Code number. Only original documents (not photocopies) are acceptable.

Where to go

You can register your motorcycle at any SGI motor licence issuer. You may select a vehicle registration term of 89 days to 365 days.

New residents

Motorcycles are required to be registered with Saskatchewan plates within 90 days of establishment of residency.

Insurance

Compulsory minimum insurance coverage is included with registration of motorcycles.

Basic insurance rates vary according to the year and engine capacity of the motorcycle.

Additional coverage in the form of an extension policy may be obtained from any insurance company.

A certificate of registration is proof of financial responsibility. This document is the motor vehicle liability insurance card and must be presented as proof of financial responsibility when requested.

Cancellation

The licence plates and vehicle registration can be returned to any motor licence issuer or to SGI at 2260 – 11th Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2N7 with a request for cancellation.

Renewal information

A renewal application will be mailed to you approximately one month before your registration term expires. Renewal applications are forwarded to the address indicated on the registration certificate. If these renewals are not received by two weeks before your expiry date, proceed to any motor licence issuer office and complete an amended renewal application.

Provincial Sales Tax (PST)

The PST must be collected on all vehicles registered for the first time in Saskatchewan. Some motorcycles may be tax exempt.

For more information, contact the Ministry of Finance at 306-787-6768.

Motorcycle equipment standards

A properly equipped motorcycle must have:

- a proper muffler
- a minimum of 1,040 mm wheel base and ground clearance at the lowest part of the power train case that is between 100 and 320 mm
- two brake systems: one effective on the front wheel, one effective on the rear wheel, each with a separate means of application that can stop a motorcycle going 30 km/h in eight metres
- handgrips that do not exceed the shoulder height of the seated operator
- a saddle that is at least 650 mm above the ground when unladen
- handlebars that are joined to the frame at a point at least 650 mm above the ground
- a horn
- a speedometer
- lamps which are securely mounted, including:
 - at least one headlamp located at the front emitting a white light both high beam and low beam; if 1974 or newer, must be activated by engaging any forward gear with the motor operating
 - at least one tail lamp located at the rear emitting a red light
 - a means of illuminating the licence plate

- a rear facing brake lamp that emits a red light when activated by application of either brake
- four turn signal lamps – two facing the front that emit an amber light and two facing the rear that emit either an amber or red light
- tires that are fully protected by fenders or mudflaps
- a mirror that provides the operator a clear view to the rear

In addition:

- every operator and every passenger must wear a securely attached helmet that meets the standards of either the Canadian Standards Association, the American Motorcycle Association, the British Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation or the U.S. Department of Transport and be so labelled
- no passenger shall be carried unless there is a passenger seat or the operator's seat has been designed to accommodate a passenger, and there are foot pegs attached