

M1 Motorcycle License - Frequently Asked Questions

What is an M1 motorcycle license?

The M1 license is the first stage in Ontario's graduated motorcycle licensing system. It allows new riders to operate a motorcycle under certain conditions.

How do I get my M1 license?

You must be at least 16 years old and pass a written knowledge test on motorcycle rules and traffic signs at a DriveTest Centre.

What do I need to bring to the test centre?

Bring valid ID showing your legal name, date of birth, and signature. Most commonly, your Ontario health card, passport, or Ontario photo ID card is accepted.

Do I need to book an appointment for the M1 test?

No appointment is needed for the written M1 test; you can walk in at any DriveTest Centre.

How much does it cost to get an M1 license?

As of 2025, the M1 written test is part of a motorcycle licensing package that typically costs around \$158.25, which includes the M1, M2, and road test fees.

What kind of questions are on the M1 test?

The test covers traffic signs, rules of the road, and motorcycle-specific laws. It's multiple choice and written.

What happens after I pass the M1 test?

Once you pass, you receive your M1 license. It's valid for 90 days and comes with riding restrictions.

What are the restrictions with an M1 license?

- No riding at night

- No passengers
- No highways with speeds over 80 km/h (unless posted otherwise)
- Zero blood alcohol content
- Must wear a helmet

Can I take a motorcycle training course with an M1 license?

Yes, and its highly recommended. An approved safety course may help you graduate to your M2 faster and improve your skills.

When can I upgrade to an M2 license?

You must wait at least 60 days after getting your M1 before you can take the M2 road test. You have 90 days total before the M1 expires.

What if my M1 license expires before I upgrade?

You'll have to retake and pass the written M1 test again.

Is there a handbook to study for the M1 test?

Yes, the Official MTO Motorcycle Handbook is available online or in print and is the best resource for studying.