

Motorcycle Graduated Driver's Licensing (MGDL) Program

The MGDL program moves new motorcycle drivers through incremental levels of risk as they gain motorcycle driving experience. An outline of time frames, requirements and restrictions for each of the stages is shown below.

	Motorcycle Learner – Endorsement 6	Motorcycle Novice 1– Endorsement M	Motorcycle Novice 2 – Endorsement M
Duration	Minimum 1 year to a maximum of 2 years* – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, licence suspension)	Minimum 1 year – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, licence suspension)	Minimum 1 year – excludes interruptions (non-renewal, refusal, licence suspension)
Requirements	Must be 16 years of age, with written parental consent if under 18		
	Pass the basic rules of the road and motorcycle written knowledge exams	Pass a motorcycle road test	
		12 months without any at-fault collisions, suspensions or convictions**	12 months without any at-fault collisions, suspensions or convictions**
Restrictions	No passengers	No passengers	
	No night time riding (1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise)	No riding between midnight and 5 a.m.	
	May not tow a vehicle or use a sidecar	May not tow a vehicle or use a sidecar***	May not tow a vehicle or use a sidecar***

* Motorcycle learner period expires after 730 earned days if individual has not passed the SGI motorcycle road test. Driver must rewrite and pass the motorcycle written knowledge test to get another motorcycle learner endorsement.

** At-fault collisions or convictions while operating a motorcycle will restart the Novice 1 or Novice 2 12-month learning period.

*** If your road test was taken on a moped or three-wheeled motorcycle, you can only operate a larger or two-wheeled motorcycle as a learner.

Current motorcycle learner's licence holders

Motorcyclists with a learner's licence (Endorsement 6) for more than two years

Motorcycle drivers that already held a motorcycle learner's licence for more than two years prior to MGDL implementation are automatically placed in the Learner stage of the MGDL program. They will be subject to the same restrictions as a new motorcycle driver, but will also be limited to travelling within a 100 km radius of the primary or secondary address listed on the motorcycle's registration certificate. However, they are credited with the time they earned as a learner and are eligible to take a motorcycle road test and move up to Novice 1 immediately.

Motorcyclists with a learner's licence (Endorsement 6) for less than two years

If the motorcycle learner has less than two years driving experience before MGDL implementation they have a four-year eligibility window to complete their motorcycle road test. Following the four-year period their motorcycle learner's endorsement will no longer be valid.

Encouraging safe riding

SGL has an improvement program providing sanctions for offences that are known to contribute to motorcycle collisions in order to reduce fatalities and injuries. Severe offences (driving 50 km/h or more over the posted speed limit, racing another vehicle on the highway, driving in a contest of speed and stunting) involving a new motorcycle driver could result in the removal of the driver's motorcycle endorsement.