

TIPS FOR TAKING YOUR CLASS 6 MOTORCYCLE LICENCE

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Motorcycles are a sign of Spring and Summer. If you wish to hold a valid Class 6 Motorcycle license and you already hold a valid Class 1,2,3,4 or 5 licence, you must complete a vision screening, a Class 6 knowledge test, a motorcycle skills test and a 60 minute road test. If you are still in Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) contact your nearest Motor Licence Office for more information.

VISION SCREENING

The vision screening takes only a few seconds and there is no fee.

MOTORCYCLE KNOWLEDGE TEST

The motorcycle knowledge test contains 40 questions. You will need 80% to pass this test. They test how well you know the information in **ROADSENSE FOR RIDERS** (pick this up for **free** at your nearest Motor Licence Office).

MOTORCYCLE SKILLS TEST

You can take your motorcycle skills test after you have had your Class 6 learner's for a minimum of 14 days. When you pass, the supervisor, highway and speed restrictions will be removed from your learner licence.

The motorcycle skills test is a practical test of your riding skill. It is completed in a parking lot or off-street site on your motorcycle, and takes about 15 minutes. You will be marked on your ability to operate the motorcycle, steer correctly and maintain balance and appropriate speed while performing the following maneuvers:

Pushing the motorcycle (non-powered)	U-turns or three-point turns
Using hand signals	Turn
Using the stand	Acceleration/Deceleration
Slow straight ride – using the clutch	Sudden Stop
Braking	Slalom

The examiner will watch how you handle the clutch, throttle and brake controls, how you shift gears, whether you keep your feet on the pegs and whether you miss any turns or hit any of the traffic cones that mark your path.

ROAD TESTS

You may take the Class 6 road test after you have held a Class 6 Learner licence for 30 days and have passed the motorcycle skills test.

The whole test takes about 60 minutes.

You must bring your own motorcycle for a road test. It must be in good working order. Ensure that your motorcycle insurance is valid and that your registration documents are available.

The road test has four parts to it: pre-trip check, on-road maneuvers, hazard perception and feedback session.

You will perform 20-25 intersection maneuvers as well as the following maneuvers:

Entering and leaving traffic	Entering and exiting a highway
Changing lanes	Parking at the side of the road
Parking on a hill	Reverse stall parking
U-turns	General driving

The new Class 6 road test is comprehensive and examiners are finding that some riders are not well prepared. Riders who display unsafe riding behaviours don't pass.

EXAMINERS' TIPS FOR PASSING THE CLASS 6 ROAD TEST

Riders will do best on Class 6 road test if they make the following skills part of their everyday riding routine:

Keep to posted speed limits. Do not keep up to speeding traffic.

Watch for school zones and playgrounds.

Make full stops for stop signs and stop in the correct position.

When turning right, shoulder check to the right to ensure there are no cyclists, pedestrians or other road users.

Mirror check and shoulder check whenever you change lanes or direction.

Keep a safe distance from other vehicles and maintain a dominant lane position.

Scan intersections before riding through, even if the light is green when you approach.

Creston Valley Insurance is your nearest Motor Licence Office. If you have any other questions, please stop by and see us. We will be glad to answer your questions.

