

ACT 84 of 2012 Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is changing?

A. Beginning on August 31, 2012, Act 84, which Governor Corbett signed on July 2, 2012, requires that any person 16 or 17 years old who wants a motorcycle license must first complete the Basic Rider Course (BRC) offered by the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP). This change impacts any 16 or 17 year old who is scheduled for the motorcycle skills test on Friday Aug. 31 or thereafter.

Q. What is the PAMSP Basic Rider Course?

A. The PAMSP Basic Rider Course is free for Pennsylvania residents. It provides an introduction to the fundamentals of safe and responsible operation of a motorcycle. The PAMSP Basic Rider Course consists of 15 hours of classroom and riding instruction; five hours in the classroom and 10 hours on the course. Participants in the Basic Rider Course are supplied with motorcycles and helmets.

Q. Is the PAMSP Basic Rider Course hours counted toward the required 65 hours of supervised riding experience?

A. The Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program's Basic Rider Course is required and the 15 hours of training counts toward the required 65 hours of supervised riding experience required by law.

Q. Am I still required to have 10 hours of nighttime riding and 5 hours of inclement weather riding as part of the 65 hour requirement?

A. No; the required PAMSP Basic Rider Course training will replace the 10 hours of nighttime riding and 5 hours of inclement weather riding.

Q. If I have reached my eligibility date and have completed at least 50 hours of supervised riding experience, can I received my license at the completion of the PAMSP Basic Rider Course?

A. Yes; you will also need to provide the Ridercoach with your DL-180C form signed by your parent or guardian which attests to the 65 hours of training being completed, which includes the PAMSP course hours.

Q. Can I take a PAMSP course before I have reached by eligibility date?

A. Yes; however, you will not receive your Class M, motorcycle license at the completion of the training course. Once you meet your eligibility date and have the required 65 hours of supervised riding experience, you can contact PAMSP to schedule a Level Two – Re-Ride, which includes refresher training followed by the motorcycle licensing exam.

Q. If I choose to take the motorcycle skills test at PennDOT, what do I need to show to prove I completed the PAMSP Basic Rider Course?

A. In addition to the DL-180C form signed by the parent or guardian that attests to the 65 hours of training being completed, you will need to provide the PennDOT examiner with your Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Certificate of Completion Card that was issued to you at the completion of the Basic Rider Course.

Q. Where can I find information on the PAMSP Basic Rider Course?

A. To register for training and find the nearest training location, please visit the PAMSP website at www.pamsp.com or call 1-800-845-9533, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. There are nearly 70 training sites across the state.