

BRITISH COLUMBIA DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS: MOTORCYCLES

Overview

Regulating agency: The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's (ICBC) Driver Training & Assessment Standards
Effective date of regulations enacted: Modified Mar.31, 2007

Motorcycle Skills Training Program

Part of ICBC's Certification Program. This program is open to all new riders. Most students already have their Class 5 (passenger vehicle) licence but some students are also **new drivers** who have been issued a Class 8 learner's licence. Schools offering the MSTP are governed by Motor Vehicle Act Regulation - Division 27 and an Agreement with ICBC. This program allows schools to administer the parking lot skills test that removes the supervision and speed restrictions from a Class 6 or 8 learner's licence. Assessment Officers at the schools are evaluated and certified by ICBC.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum enrolment age: 16

EDUCATIONAL SETTING

- High schools
- Private driving schools
- Home computer-based instruction
- Other

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- High school student status
- Must hold a valid Learner's permit
- Registration/enrolment fee
- Course fees subsidized for students
- Parent/guardian consent
- Other requirements

COURSE STRUCTURE

In-classroom

- Minimum total number of hours: 8 hours
- Number of sessions: Minimum 2
- Length of each session: Maximum of 6 hours of classroom instruction in any one day
- Additional sessions available

On-vehicle, on range/track

- Minimum total of hours: 10 hours
- Number of sessions: Minimum 2
- Length of each session: Maximum of 6 hours of practical instruction in any one day
- Additional sessions available
- Other time requirements: Not deliver more than 8 hours of combined practical and classroom training in any one day
- Instructor to student ratio for practical training: 1 to 4

On-vehicle, on road

- Total number of hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session
- Additional lessons available

Driving simulator

- Total number of hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session
- Additional sessions available

Parent / guardian session(s)

- Total number of hours
- Number of sessions
- Length of each session

- Additional sessions available

CURRICULUM CONTENT*

- Basic driving procedures and manoeuvres
- Braking
- Crashes and injury prevention
- Defensive driving
- Driver communication skills
- Driver distractions
- Driver fitness to drive
- Driver impairments
- Driver observation skills / visual tracking
- Driver psychology
- Driver responsibility
- Emergency situations / manoeuvres
- Fuel efficient driving
- Graduated driver licensing program
- Hazard perception and recognition
- Highway driving
- Insurance
- Lane changes / Safe passing
- Legal awareness
- Night driving
- Parking
- Pre-driving checks and procedures
- Risk perception / management
- Rules of the road
- Sharing the road
- Signs, signals, and road markings
- Space management
- Traffic and roadway conditions / environmental conditions
- Turns and U-Turns
- Vehicle control
- Vehicle systems / parts and performance

*These are general topics and some jurisdictions may contain curriculum components that are more in specific, i.e. 2- or 3-points turns, parallel parking, etc.

COMPETENCY MEASURES

Pre-assessment:

- In-classroom
- In-vehicle

Final exam:

- In-classroom
- On-vehicle: Motorcycle Skills Assessment

INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (IN-CLASS)

- Certifications / designations: Class 6 instructor licence includes classroom instruction and practical training
- Age: 19+
- Licence held: Hold British Columbia Class 6
- Driver / criminal record check: Applicant's for a driver training instructor's licence must have less than 10 demerit points within the past 2 years, and no convictions under the *Criminal Code* concerning driving of a motor vehicle or convictions in any other jurisdiction for offences analogous to those under the *Criminal Code* concerning driving of a motor vehicle for 3 years before the application; applications for a driver training instructor's licence may be rejected if a police check indicates a conviction for an offence involving dishonesty, violence or indecency within the past 5 years
- Minimum driving experience: 3 years

TRAINING VEHICLE

- Vehicle class used: Motorcycle designed for use on a public highway, standard transmission (3 wheels motorcycles or scooters not allowed)
- Required insurance
- Vehicle signage
- Passenger restrictions
- Additional vehicle requirements

INSTRUCTOR REGULATIONS (ON-VEHICLE)

- Certifications/designations: Class 6 instructor licence includes classroom instruction and practical training
- Age: 19+
- Licence held: Class 6
- Minimum driving experience: 3 years
- Driver / criminal record check: See regulations for in-class instructors
- Location in vehicle while supervising students
- BAC level while supervising in-vehicle instructions

ASSESSMENT OFFICER REQUIREMENTS – CONDUCT FINAL RIDING TEST

- Holds a valid Assessment Officer Certificate of Qualification
- Assessment Officers are requalified initially and then every two years

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Successfully complete minimum in-classroom instruction hours: 8
- Successfully complete in-classroom evaluation
- Successfully complete minimum on-vehicle instruction hours: 10
- Successfully complete on-vehicle evaluation to Provincial standard

FOLLOWING PROGRAM COMPLETION

- Motorcycle Skills Assessment Certification form issued upon passing the Motorcycle Skills Assessment (practical parking lot skills test)
- Time-reduction: The Motorcycle Skills Assessment may be conducted after the rider has held their learner's licence for 2 days. New riders who successfully complete the Motorcycle Skills Assessment may have the supervision and speed restrictions removed from their Class 8 or Class 6 learner's licence. Time reduction for Class 8 may be from 30 days down to 2 days and for Class 6 from 14 days down to 2 days; course must be completed in no fewer than 2 days and not more than 90 days
- Insurance discount

PRACTICE DRIVING (WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN)

- Minimum practice driving hours
- Maximum period to complete the practice hours
- Practice hours recorded on a log sheet

SUPERVISOR (PARENT/GUARDIAN) REGULATIONS

- Minimum Age: 25 years to supervise Class 8
- Licence held: Class 6
- Time licensed
- BAC level while supervising
- Location while supervising: Direct supervision means the person supervising can at all times see the other person while he/she is operating the motorcycle
- Driver log

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

LIST OF LICENSED DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

ICBC-approved driver education schools - http://www.dtcbc.com/resource/glp_sch.htm

DRIVER EDUCATION REGULATORY INFORMATION

Regulating Agency:

Driver Training & Assessment Standards
Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC)
P.O. Box 3750
Victoria, BC V8W 3Y5
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Fax: (250) 978-8032
Websites:

ICBC: www.icbc.com

ICBC - Driver Training in British Columbia: <http://www.dtcbc.com>

Legislation:

Motor Vehicle Act Regulations - Division 27: Driver Training

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/reg/M/MotorVehicle/26_58/09_26_58-08.htm#division27