

# ONTARIO GDL: MOTORCYCLES

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

To obtain a motorcycle licence in ON, the Class M1 Novice licence phase precedes the Class M2 Novice licence phase. There is also a Class M licence for limited-speed motorcycles and mopeds.  
 Effective date of program implementation: Apr.1, 1994; revisions Aug. 1, 2010

<u>NOVICE LICENCE:</u> Class M1	<u>NOVICE LICENCE:</u> Class M2	<u>LIMITED-SPEED MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS:</u> Class M1, M2, M or M2 of M with an L condition
<p><b><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 16 years</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 16 years and two months</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vision test</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Knowledge test: After passing the motorcycle knowledge test, riders will get a Class M1 licence and an information package for new riders</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driver education: Voluntary</li> </ul> <p><b><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time Completion: See Minimum duration section below</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass test/course: M1 road test or complete an approved motorcycle safety course before receiving a Class M2 licence</li> </ul> <p><b><u>STAGE DURATION</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum duration: Motorcycle riders who successfully complete an approved motorcycle safety course that includes a road test with an M1 licence are exempt from taking the ministry's M1 road test and can move to an M2 licence after 60 days</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum holding period: While the motorcycle safety course certificate is valid for two years from its issue date, it may only be used for the M1 road test exemption within six months of its issue date</li> </ul> <p><b><u>SUPERVISORY DRIVER</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Age</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Licence held</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Time licensed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BAC level while supervising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Driver log</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Location while supervising: Seated in the front passenger seat next to the driver at all hours</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other</li> </ul> <p><b><u>SUPERVISED DRIVING</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Minimum amount of supervised driving</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>AGE RESTRICTIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum entry age: 16 years and two months</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minimum exit age: 17 years and 8 months</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time completion: Held a M1 licence for 60 days</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successfully passed test/course: M1 road test or complete an approved motorcycle safety course</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parental consent</li> </ul> <p><b><u>EXIT REQUIREMENTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" 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<p><b><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower driver penalty point threshold: 9 instead of 15</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Class M1/M2 drivers get 2 or more demerit points, they will be sent a warning letter</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At 6 points, they may have to go to an interview to discuss their record and give reasons why their licence should not be suspended; if they do not attend the interview, their licence may be suspended</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At 9 points, their licence will be suspended for 60 days from the date they surrender it to the Ministry of Transportation; they can lose their licence for up to 2 years if they fail to surrender their licence</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>NOVICE DRIVERS ESCALATING SANCTIONS PROGRAM</b></p> <p>As of August 1, 2010, any driver that holds a novice class licence will face escalating sanctions for any combination of repeat violations of G1, G2, M1 and M2 conditions as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; convictions for individual HTA offences totalling four or more demerit points or;</li> <li>&gt; a court-ordered licence suspension for HTA offences that would have resulted in four or more demerit points had the suspension not been ordered.</li> </ul> <p>The Novice Driver Escalating Sanctions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 30 days for a first instance;</li> <li>&gt; 90 days for a second instance;</li> <li>&gt; Cancellation of novice licence, loss of all credit for any fees or time spent in GLS including any Beginner Driver Education time discount, and requirement to re-apply to enter G1 or M1, as the case may be, for a third instance.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS M1 FEATURES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With a Class M1 licence, an operator can drive a moped, limited-speed motorcycle, and a motorcycle</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section for CLASS M1</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>NOVICE DRIVERS ESCALATING SANCTIONS PROGRAM</b></p> <p>See NOVICE DRIVERS ESCALATING SANCTIONS PROGRAM section for CLASS M1</p> <p><b><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS M2 FEATURES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class M2 and Class M licence holders may also drive Class G vehicles under the conditions that apply to a Class G1 licence holder</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With a Class M2 licence, the operator can drive a moped, limited-speed motorcycle and a motorcycle</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See SUSPENSION/PROHIBITION section for CLASS M1</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The ministry has approved motor scooter training courses, offered by motorcycle safety associations/colleges and these courses may or may not include road testing</li> </ul> <p><b>NOVICE DRIVERS ESCALATING SANCTIONS PROGRAM</b></p> <p>See NOVICE DRIVERS ESCALATING SANCTIONS PROGRAM section for CLASS M1</p> <p><b><u>ADDITIONAL CLASS M2 FEATURES</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Effective August 1, 2010, all drivers under 22 years of age, regardless of their class of licence, must maintain a zero blood alcohol concentration level when driving. This is similar to the 0 BAC licence condition that already applies to novice drivers in GLS. Penalties for non-compliance are as follows:

#### Young Drivers (under 22 years of age)

- > immediate 24-hour licence suspension at roadside
- > upon conviction, a fine of \$60 to \$500 and a 30-day licence suspension

#### Novice Drivers

- > immediate 24-hour licence suspension at roadside
- > upon conviction, a fine of \$60 to \$500 and a licence suspension as per the Novice Driver Escalating Sanction program, which may include cancellation of the novice licence.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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