



# Motorcycle Safety Program

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## What is the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP)?

The PAMSP was created from legislation in 1984 and began operation one year later. This program was established to teach riders of all skill levels the basic fundamentals needed to reduce risk while operating a motorcycle and to give riders the skills needed to combat everyday hazards encountered on the road. The PAMSP has partnered with various third-party motorcycle training vendors to offer motorcycle safety training courses at no cost to Pennsylvania residents at locations throughout the Commonwealth.

To date, over 539,000 people have taken a Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program approved course.

## Is there a PAMSP-approved motorcycle course being offered near me?

To locate the site nearest you, log onto [www.penndot.gov/PAMSP](http://www.penndot.gov/PAMSP).

## If I pass a PAMSP-approved course, will I automatically become a licensed rider?

Yes, if you are over 18. Upon successful completion of either a basic course, an intermediate course or the 3-wheel course, provided by one of our third-party vendors, your learner's permit will be stamped as a valid PA motorcycle license. Within 120 days, the Department of Transportation will issue a motorcycle license. If you are under 18, you still need to have your permit at least 6 months and have 65 hours of supervised riding. If you have not met these requirements you cannot be licensed through the course. In addition, if you are under 18, this course is 15 hours and counts towards your 65 hours of supervised riding. You must take and successfully complete a PAMSP-approved basic course to receive your motorcycle license.

## What courses are approved through the PAMSP?

Various levels of motorcycle training, provided by third party training providers, for either licensure or to help improve licensed motorcyclists riding skills are approved through the PAMSP. These courses teach fundamental riding skills through both classroom and riding instruction to sharpen riders' knowledge and riding skills, to become better, safer motorcycle riders.

The beginner level riding course consists of in-class instruction and on bike riding. This course provides valuable training for new riders and gives experienced riders the opportunity to polish their skills and correct any unsafe riding habits they may have developed. Basic riding skills, shifting, stopping, swerving, turning and mental skills for hazard avoidance highlight the training. This training course will provide motorcycles for training. Successful completion of this course waives the requirement to take a skills test at a PennDOT Driver License Center and earns a rider their motorcycle license.

The 3-wheel course of classroom instruction and on bike riding. Riders learn skills and safety strategies like those taught in BRC, except on a 3-wheeled motorcycle. This course may provide a 3-wheel motorcycle provided by the third-party training provider may be available for the 3-Wheel Riding Course (please contact our trainers providers for locations where this is available). When utilizing your own bike for a training course, proof of insurance, current registration, and current inspection are all required. (Individuals licensed through the 3-Wheel Course will have a '9' restriction on their Motorcycle License. This restriction permits the rider to only be licensed for a 3-Wheel Motorcycle.)

The intermediate level riding course is for students who have at least some riding experience and are looking to either be licensed or to improve their motorcycle riding skills. This course allows riders to refresh their safety knowledge and hone their on-road skills. You must provide your own bike for this course. When utilizing your own bike for a training course, proof of insurance, current registration, and current inspection are all required.

The advance level course is for experienced riders who want to enhance their safety skills through attitude and awareness. This course is designed to enhance a rider's ability to avoid a crash through honing their decision-making abilities, riding strategies, risk management and rider behavior and choices. You must provide your own bike for this course. When utilizing your own bike for a training course, proof of insurance, current registration, and current inspection are all required.

All course participants must bring their own helmet and protective gear.

Some insurance companies offer a deduction on premiums to individuals who successfully complete the course. For details, contact your insurance agent.

## Is there a fee for the training?

For Pennsylvania residents, there is no cost to take a PAMSP-approved course, except that you must have a valid PA motorcycle license or motorcycle permit. For information on obtaining a motorcycle learner's permit visit [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov).

For additional information on PAMSP and courses that are offered, please visit: [www.penndot.gov/PAMSP](http://www.penndot.gov/PAMSP). There you will find specific information on courses they offer, site locations and vendor contact information. To register for the course please contact the Third-Party Training Provider directly. You will need your Driver's License number or Motorcycle Permit number to register.