

4. Feedback session

After your test, you'll get some feedback on how well you did. Make the most of it — ask questions if you don't understand something. And even if you don't pass, you'll get both positive feedback and areas to improve. To help you understand the scoring system, your driver examiner can give you an explanation sheet on how to read your road test. If you're uncomfortable speaking English, bring someone to translate during your feedback session (the translator can't go on the road test with you).

Preparing for your road test

Review your riding skills before taking the Class 8 or Class 6 road tests:

- Do you know the signs, rules and regulations?
- Are your riding manoeuvres smooth, safe and performed correctly?
- Can you perceive hazards accurately?

The best way to prepare for your road test is to use the *Tuning up for riders* guide. And practise, practise, practise. Work with your supervisor to give you feedback. Consider taking riding lessons. Go to icbc.com to view ICBC driving tips and our video of tips for passing your road test — many of these tips apply to motorcycles as well as cars.

Other pointers include:

- You'll need to book an appointment for your road test (see back of this brochure).
- When you come to your appointment, bring ID (please see *Learn to ride smart* or icbc.com for a list of what we accept as ID), your current driver's licence and a registered and insured motorcycle that meets safety standards.
- Make sure you wear an approved motorcycle helmet, your motorcycle is in good working order and meets legal requirements. Have the motorcycle registration and insurance documents available.
- Can't make your appointment? We need at least 48 hours cancellation notice or a valid reason that's acceptable to us — or you'll have to pay a \$25 fee.

Class 8 road test

If you hold a Class 8 learner's licence, you can take the Class 8 road test after you've held your motorcycle learner's licence for at least 12 months and have passed the motorcycle skill test. The test takes about 45 minutes.

To prepare:

- Read *Learn to ride smart* and *Tuning up for riders*.
- Practise your riding skills with your supervisor's guidance for at least 60 hours.

The fee is \$35. When you pass, a Class 8 novice photo driver's licence (valid for five years) will cost an additional \$75.

Class 6 road test

The Class 6 road test takes about an hour. If you hold a Class 8 novice licence, you can take the Class 6 road test after you've held your novice licence for a minimum of 24 months.

If you already have a Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 driver's licence, you can take the Class 6 road test after you've held your Class 6 learner's licence for at least 30 days and have passed the motorcycle skills test.

The road test fee is \$50. When you pass, you'll also need to pay for your licence. The fee is \$17 if your licence expires in more than six months, or \$75 if your licence expires in six months or less.

Tips on passing your Class 8 and Class 6 road tests

- Keep to posted speed limits and don't speed in school and playground zones or you'll fail your test.
- Make full stops for stop signs and stop in the correct position. When it's safe to move out, pull out slowly, scanning the intersection.
- When turning right, shoulder check to the right to check for cyclists, pedestrians or other road users heading straight through the intersection (and right into your path).
- Mirror check and shoulder check when changing lanes or direction.

- Select your lane position to give you the best combination of space (from other road users and obstacles), visibility (to both see and be seen) and traction.
- Always scan intersections, even if the light is green when you approach.
- Develop the habit of looking for potential hazards. Study the list of hazardous situations in *Learn to ride smart* and call them out to the driver examiner during the hazard perception part of the road test. **Key hint:** We find that many new riders fail to call out blind driveways during their test.

For more information

To book your appointment:

- Call 604-661-2255 (Metro Vancouver)
- 1-888-715-7775 (Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, Kelowna and Prince George)
- Book a road test online at icbc.com (only in the Lower Mainland, Kelowna or Prince George)

To find your nearest driver licensing office or learn more about driver and vehicle licensing, go to icbc.com.

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Class 6 and 8

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If you already have a Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 B.C. driver's licence, you'll need to get a Class 6 motorcycle learner's licence by passing the motorcycle knowledge test and vision screening. After 14 days you can take the motorcycle skills test and after 30 days, the Class 6 road test. You will then be issued a Class 6 driver's licence.

If you don't have a driver's licence or hold a Class 7 licence (for passenger vehicles), you'll go through the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP). You'll need to pass the motorcycle knowledge test and vision screening to be issued a Class 8 motorcycle learner's licence. After 30 days you can take the motorcycle skills test, and after one year, the Class 8 road test. Then, after spending at least 24 months in the GLP novice stage, you can take the Class 6 road test. You will then be issued a Class 6 driver's licence.

If your learner's licence expires and you want to renew it, you'll need to retake the knowledge test and vision screening. When you're issued a new learner's licence, it will include the speed and supervisor restrictions until you retake the motorcycle skills test.

This brochure and our free driving guides *Learn to ride smart* and *Tuning up for riders* will help you know what to expect when you take your tests.

Gearing up for your knowledge test

As a motorcycle rider, you need to know the same information as a passenger vehicle driver and specific information for riders.

Our motorcycle knowledge test will ask 40 questions and test you on how well you know the information in *Learn to ride smart*. If you've never held a driver's licence, you'll also need to pass the passenger vehicle knowledge test — which asks 50 questions and tests you on how well you know the information in *Learn to drive smart*. The tests can be taken at any of our driver licensing offices. They're usually done at a computer terminal but may be a written test in some areas.

If you already have a Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7 licence, you won't have to retake the passenger vehicle knowledge test.

The fee for the knowledge test is \$15. There is no fee for a Class 6 or 8 paper learner (L) licence. There is a fee of \$10 for the Class 7 photo learner licence when you pass the passenger vehicle knowledge test.

Tips to get ready:

- Don't just memorize facts — it's harder than you think! Many questions require thinking and understanding. Study *Learn to ride smart*.
- Take our online practice test on icbc.com.
- Arrive early. Most of our offices offer these tests without an appointment, but we may not be able to test everyone if it's busy.
- Bring in two pieces of ID (see *Learn to ride smart* or icbc.com for a list of acceptable documents).
- Don't get stressed out. Read through each question and take your time.
- If you need help, ask us. We want you to succeed.
- You'll need to pass a simple vision and medical screening (see *Learn to ride smart*, chapter 11 — your licence).
- If English isn't your first language, our motorcycle knowledge test is also available in French, Chinese and Punjabi.

Once you pass the tests, you'll get your learner's licence. Now you can start practising. Here are some do's and don'ts:

- Display the official L (learner) sign if you're a Class 8 learner so that it's visible to drivers behind you when you're riding (you'll receive this sign when you get your learner's licence).
- Ride only during daylight hours.
- Always ride within sight of your supervisor (who must hold a valid Class 6 full-privilege driver's licence and be at least 25 years old or at least 19 if you're a class 6 learner).
- Don't drink and ride — there must be no alcohol in your body when you ride if you're a Class 8 learner.
- Don't exceed 60 km/h.
- Don't carry any passengers.
- As a Class 8 learner, you must not use hand-held or hands-free communication devices (e.g., cellphones, music or portable gaming devices, GPS systems) while riding.

Gearing up for your motorcycle skills test

The motorcycle skills test is a practical test of basic riding skills. You can take the motorcycle skills test after you've had your Class 8 learner's licence for a minimum of 30 days (14 days if you're a Class 6 learner). When you pass, we'll remove the supervisor and speed restrictions from your learner's licence.

The test takes about 15 minutes to complete and is done in a parking lot or off-street site. We'll mark you on your ability to ride your motorcycle at low speeds including steering and balance control while performing the manoeuvres. We'll also ask you to identify controls on the motorcycle and to show us you know your hand signals.

Our driver 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/or miss any turns or hit any of the traffic cones that mark your path.

You may need to book an appointment for the motorcycle skills test at a driver licensing office (see back of this brochure).

Bring ID and your learner's licence. The motorcycle you use must be registered and insured and it must meet safety standards (be sure to wear an approved motorcycle helmet).

There's no fee for the motorcycle skills test.

Tips to get ready:

- Get plenty of practice and consider taking riding lessons. Make sure you can do all the exercises listed on the rider report card in *Tuning up for riders*.
- Make sure you're controlling the clutch — you'll be doing some tight manoeuvring, especially at very slow speeds.
- Smoothly apply the brakes, using the front, rear or both brakes appropriately for the situation.
- Practise your steering and balance so you can comfortably look ahead to where you want to go and manoeuvre through the cones on the motorcycle skills test. You'll also need to counterbalance in slow turns.

- Arrive 10 minutes early to complete the paperwork before your appointment begins.
- Bring the same ID you used to apply for your learner's licence, plus your learner's licence.
- Make sure your motorcycle meets safety standards and is properly insured. And remember to have your registration papers with you.

About the road test

Our Class 8 and Class 6 road tests are designed to test your ability to perform "see-think-do" and key riding skills. There are four main parts:

1. Pre-trip safety check

Before you go out on the road, your driver examiner will ask you to do a pre-trip safety inspection of your motorcycle, including checking that your turn signals and low and high beam headlights are working and that you know the proper hand signals.

2. On-road manoeuvres

Your driver examiner will be speaking to you as he or she follows in a vehicle with a radio headset. You'll be directed through a route that includes different riding environments (city streets, commercial areas and highways) and intersections (uncontrolled intersections, intersections with stop signs and multi-lane intersections controlled by traffic lights).

Along the way, make sure you're ready to do any of the various on-road manoeuvres within a reasonable amount of time. They won't all be in the test — check out *Learn to ride smart* and *Tuning up for riders* for more details. Your riding examiner will give you plenty of warning about what you need to do and won't try to trick you by asking you to make illegal or unsafe actions.

3. Hazard perception

At certain points during the test, you'll be asked to identify all the hazards within one block in front of you and immediately around you.