

To help ensure your highest likelihood of success on test day, we've compiled the following tips for you to keep in mind before, during, and after taking your licensing exam:

Before

- If you sign up for testing and fail to show up, it will count against one of your two testing opportunities. Please call our office if you will be unable to attend. *Note: this does not apply to rain-out test dates.*
- Be sure to bring your permit and driver's license – you cannot test without these two forms of identification. Also, be sure to bring the testing forms provided at the time of course completion.
- Get a good night's sleep the night before – and be sure to eat breakfast.
- Relax! Too much mental or physical tension will make it much harder to perform.

During

- ** Testing will be cancelled if there is any rain ** – even a light sprinkling. The pavement at the testing range must be completely dry in order for testing to take place. This is a requirement mandated by the Illinois Secretary of State.
- Licensing exams are administered by the Illinois Secretary of State. The examiners are not affiliated with Motorcycle Riding School. All scoring and pass/fail decisions are final, and at the sole discretion of the state examiner.
- Testing is every Friday at 7:30am (unless noted otherwise), with instructors arriving at 7am. Plan to stay until at least 11am. Typically, we are finished much sooner than this, but various conditions sometimes pushes back the end time. Remember: the test will only take you approximately 5-10 minutes – the wait time is caused by bike availability and because there is only one examiner (so only one student can be tested at a time).
- Please report to your assigned range for the test. This is critical because the range rosters have been split evenly to equalize wait times and practice time, as well as workload for each of our examiners.
- You should have 10 – 15 minutes of 'warm up' time prior to taking your test (this time may be slightly shortened or extended based on availability). You will not be allowed to practice for longer than 30 minutes; after this amount of time, riders often tire and suffer from 'over practicing', resulting in a poorer test performance.
- Choose a bike that is similar to that which you used in class. *If you feel uncomfortable with a given bike, do not use it.* It will be difficult for any of the instructors or the examiner to sympathize with you if fail your test because you chose to use a bike that you were not comfortable with.

After**IF YOU PASS**

- You will be given a signed and stamped approval from the examiner. To obtain your new license, take the form and your permit to any Illinois DMV facility and they will print out a new license for you. (Note: a small fee may apply, typically \$5– \$10)
- Until you obtain your new license, do not ride any motorcycle outside the limitations of your permit. The 'pass' sheet from the examiner will not be deemed as a viable 'M' license by any law enforcement.
- Do not hesitate in obtaining your new license – the 'pass' sheet is only valid one year from your test date.

IF YOU DO NOT PASS

- You will need to contact our office to sign up for a future testing date. You will also be required to fill-out new paperwork, which will be provided to you at the time of your next test.
- On some occasions, if you fail your test, the examiner *may* allow you to re-test the same day. This is purely at the discretion of the examiner. It is best to assume that you will *not* be allowed to re-test the same day.
- If you cannot re-schedule, or would prefer to take the exam **on your own bike**, you may do so at any of the Illinois DMV facilities (cyberdriveillinois.com) that perform motorcycle tests. Check each site for availability.