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Motorcycle Safety/CONREP

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Three Wheel

I was wondering how many states issue a separate or restricted license for three wheeled vehicles such as trikes, Can Ams, MC's with sidecar?

Thanks

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina gives a Motorcycle endorsement with a "3 wheel" restriction to those that take the 3 Wheel BRC or take the DMV test on a trike.

~Bob Wagner

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts does.

~Eugene Carabine

MARYLAND

Nicholas, In Maryland if an individual holds a Class M license that they got taking the 2-wheel test, they may operate a 3-wheeler. If an individual tests on a 3-wheeler they are issued a Class M license with a 'J' restriction that limits them to only operating the type of vehicle they tested on.

~Philip Sause

PENNSYLVANIA

Hi Nicholas,

Pennsylvania issues an individual that test on a three-wheeled motorcycle a restricted motorcycle license, which only allows them to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle. To remove the restriction, the individual will need to retest on a two-wheeled motorcycle. Someone who tests on a two-wheeled motorcycle is licensed to operate both two and three-wheeled motorcycles.

~Laura J. Krol

NEBRASKA

Nebraska has the same restriction policy as Maryland.

~Fred E. Zwonechek

IDAHO

In Idaho, an operator who has an "M" (two-wheel) endorsement is licensed to operate both two and

three-wheeled vehicles. A "three-wheel only" restriction is added for those who test on a three-wheeled vehicle or take the ESC S/TEP course for the test waiver. Cheers from Idaho,

~Sunshine Gillett

OREGON

Hi Nic. Oregon issues a three-wheel restricted endorsement for all the motorcycles noted below. We have a mandatory training law but it exempts three-wheel restricted endorsements (there are only about 50 a year issued).

~Michele O'Leary

CALIFORNIA

In California only a standard driver license is required for a three wheeled motorcycle. This includes a motorcycle with a side car.

~Mark Pope

NEW JERSEY

In NJ, if you test on a 3-wheeler, you will receive a motorcycle endorsement with a restriction to ride a 3-wheel bike only (to have restriction removed, must take m/c test on 2 wheel).

~Lori Sannella

GEORGIA

GA considers anything over 50cc and up to three wheels a motorcycle. Anyone taking (and passing) the skills test (either the two-wheel or three-wheel version of the RST) is issued a Class M license (not an endorsement).

~Jim Kelly

NEVADA

Nevada...Two rear drive wheels is considered a tri-mobile and only requires a regular driver license. A Can Am only has the one rear drive wheel so it's considered a motorcycle needing a class M license A sidecar rig requires a class M license but gets a restriction for sidecars only. It's confusing here.

~Peter Vander Aa

CONNECTICUT

Thanks to everyone that has responded so far! Much appreciated!

~Nicholas Just

MICHIGAN

Phil, I believe this is how it is in Michigan as well. A 2 wheel is good for 2 and 3, a 3 is only good for a 3.

~Chad Teachout

