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Good morning. How many states require at least a basic rider training course to receive either a Motorcycles License or endorsement?

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina requires the course for people under 18 to obtain an endorsement or permit. It is not required of anyone else. Thanks,

~Robert Wagner

NEW JERSEY

In NJ, if you are 17 and are looking for an endorsement or license, you must take the course. Otherwise, it is a voluntary course.

~Lori Sannella

MARYLAND

Despina, Super Good Morning to you! Here in The Free State only those individuals under the age of 18 must take a Basic Rider Course. Otherwise it is voluntary.

~Philip Sause

MASSACHUSETTS

Good morning Despina, Massachusetts - Individuals under the age of 18 are required to take a Basic Rider Course to get their motorcycle license or endorsement. Thank you.

~Eugene F. Carabine

VERMONT

Vermont does not require any training.

~Paul A. Graves

PENNSYLVANIA

Hi Despina - Pennsylvania requires that anyone under the age of 18 who wishes to obtain a motorcycle license must take the basic rider course as part of their 65 hours of skill building practice time before they can obtain their motorcycle license. For those over 18 it is highly recommended but not mandatory.

~Laura J. Krol

VIRGINIA

We do not in VA!

~Bruce Biondo

IDAHO

Despina, In Idaho, successful completion of a qualifying rider training course (Basic I, Basic II, or Experienced Course) is required for acquiring a motorcycle endorsement for riders under 21 years of age. For riders 21 and older, training is voluntary.

~Stacey "Ax" Axmaker

OREGON

Good morning from Oregon! Oregon requires successful completion of our Basic Rider Training course for those under 21. For those 21 and older mandatory training has been phased in over the past few years. As of the beginning of 2014 successful completion of either our Basic Rider Training or Intermediate Rider Training is required for those 60 and under. As of January 1, 2015 all age groups will be included. Training is mandatory for first time endorsements but not renewals.

~Dan Bateman

KANSAS

Kansas does not require a course....but, if one should go through an approved course, then their written and riding tests are waived at the Motor Vehicle Department.

~Joan Peterson

MARYLAND

I believe there are only three states - FL, OR and TX - that require the completion of a basic course for anyone seeking a motorcycle license. There are about 19 states that may require a course for individuals under a specific age seeking a motorcycle license, but this is not directly tied to a license waiver. The waiver is a "fringe" benefit".

~Andrew Krajewski

RHODE ISLAND

Thank You, You can add Rhode Island to this list. We require completion of a basic rider training course regardless of age.

~Despina Metakos Harris

OREGON

Didn't Connecticut get mandatory just before Ray retired?

~Ray Pierce

MARYLAND

Yep. So it is Connecticut, Oregon, Texas and Florida

~Andrew Krajewski

RHODE ISLAND

And Rhode Island

~Despina Metakos Harris

KANSAS

Kansas does not

~Norraine Wingfield

CONNECTICUT

CT requires it

~Nicholas Just

RHODE ISLAND

I found a list in Appendix G of NAMS, Thanks everyone!

~Despina Metakos Harris

NEW YORK

+Despina, you can find a chart link which includes State-Funded Rider Ed at the AMA site, here (link just below right of the map):

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/State-Laws.aspx>

or directly at that link, here:

http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Libraries/Rights_Documents_Federal/2012-9-27_On-Highway_Motorcycle_Laws.sflb.ashx

~Tim Werder

CONNECTICUT

Yup, already mentioned it in an earlier post. January 1, 2011 it became mandatory.

~Nicholas Just