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Hello All,

Can you tell me what motorcycle skills test you are using in your state?

**MARYLAND**

Bruce,

In MD we use the two and three-wheel RSTs.

~Phil Sause

**OHIO**

Ohio

Two and three-wheel RST

~Chuck Stiteler

**NEVADA**

Nevada Rider Safety Program uses the MSF BRCu (5 evals). The DMV uses the 4 eval RST.

~Peter Vander Aa

**NMI**

We recommend consideration of the NMI Test2ride for the on-bike portion of learner's permit and unrestricted license

for beginner-time, learner-time, license/on-going-time, and expert levels. The state can choose set the level based on what the data of their own testees shows.

Also, Test2ride removes ambiguity for the testee. Whether a state uses a beginner level of performance, or a higher level of performance to award an unrestricted license, Test2ride can be used. The testees will know their own rank among their peers, whether or not the license threshold is not met, met or exceeded. Thus testee rank is independent of licensing.

Test2ride is also useful to measure the relative skill of graduates of the various commonly offered motorcycle courses. We recommend setting the skill level demonstration by the testees for licensing the same wherever the license skill test is completed (i.e. at the DMV or at a motorcycle course for licensing).

Here are the links to the diagrams:

<http://www.motorcycleinstitute.org/docs/t2r/t2r-diagrams.pdf>

and description of Test2ride:

<http://www.motorcycleinstitute.org/docs/t2r/t2r-guide.pdf>

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information about this different approach to relative skill testing.

~Joe Elliott

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

We use the BRCu curriculum in NC and we issue a skills waiver upon successful completion of the course. If a person goes directly to the DMV, they will take the skills test delineated below.

The following is taken from the NC Motorcycle Handbook...

### **ON-CYCLE SKILL TEST**

Basic vehicle control and collision avoidance skills are included in on-cycle tests to determine your ability to handle normal and hazardous traffic situations.

You may be tested for your ability to:

- \* Know your motorcycle and your riding limits.
- \* Accelerate, brake, and turn safely.
- \* See, be seen and communicate with others.
- \* Adjust speed and position to the traffic situation.
- \* Stop, turn and swerve quickly.
- \* Make critical decisions and carry them out.

Examiners may score on factors related to safety such as:

- \* Selecting safe speeds to perform maneuvers.
- \* Choosing the correct path and staying within boundaries.
- \* Completing normal and quick stops.
- \* Completing normal and quick turns, or swerves.

~Robert Wagner

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

In Massachusetts:

The Registry of Motor Vehicles Motorcycle Road Test is 2 circles to the left, 2 circles to the right and a figure 8 in a 60 x 60 foot box.

For the license waiver in motorcycle training we use the two MSF Basic courses (BRC & BRC2) and the

Evergreen SideCar / Trike Education Program for 3 wheel licensing.

~Gene Carabine

**VERMONT**

In Vermont we use the two and three wheel versions of the RST.

~Paul Graves

**MAINE**

In Maine we also use the two and three wheel versions of the RST.

~Joh Kohler

**MICHIGAN**

Bruce,

Michigan uses the MSF, RST for two and 3-wheel vehicles. A modified version of the 3-wheel RST is being developed for the Polaris Slingshot and other 3wheel body types that do not quite meet Michigan's definition of an autocycle.

~Joe Kelly