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Scooter/Moped Classes

We have a new law going into effect that says mopeds will need to be registered next year. Many "mopeds" now can travel way over 30mph (our definition of a moped) so we may start getting more requests for moped classes for people to get motorcycle licenses. (Currently moped riders only need a regular driver's license.)

Do any of you offer moped/scooter classes?

Are they popular?

What type, size, manufacturer scooter or moped do you use?

Did you have to get a buy American waiver to purchase them?

NORTH CAROLINA

Hey Pete,

In North Carolina, mopeds have to be registered, but the no operator's license is required. We don't offer a specific scooter or moped course, but do allow folks to use their mopeds in a BRC with prior approval. The demand is very low, so this works pretty well.

By the way, moped registration has only been required for a couple of months. There has been talk of requiring an operator's license in the future, but there is a lot of resistance to that.

Thanks,

~Robert Wagner

VIRGINIA

Peter, Here is our definition of a moped in the VA Code: Moped" means every vehicle that travels on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground that (i) has a seat that is no less than 24 inches in height, measured from the middle of the seat perpendicular to the ground; (ii) has a gasoline, electric, or hybrid motor that (a) displaces 50 cubic centimeters or less or (b) has an input of 1500 watts or less; (iii) is power-driven, with or without pedals that allow propulsion by human power; and (iv) is not operated at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour. For purposes of this title, a moped shall be a motorcycle when operated at speeds in excess of 35 miles per hour.

All Mopeds have to be registered, they have to be 16 years old and have a state picture id with them. They do not need a license.

We offer scooter classes for licensing waiver (scooter are considered

motorcycles in VA) but not specific to mopeds.

When gas prices were high we had a big demand for scooter classes but now we do not get many at all.

~Bruce Biondo

CONNECTICUT

CT does offer training on scooters, we incorporate them into the traditional BRC. We use Yamaha Zuma 125's, a motorcycle endorsement is required to operate anything over 49cc's or 8 BHP. Very very few people take the course on a scooter every year, less than 10/year.

~Nick Just

PENNSYLVANIA

In Pennsylvania, mopeds only require a Class C license to operate and by definition cannot exceed 25mph, so we do not provide any specific training. However, a motor-driven cycle (which includes a motor scooter) is defined as a motorcycle which produces horsepower not to exceed 5 brake horsepower. This requires a Class M license and we accept them into the BRC and BRC2 for training and licensing. If a student tests for their Class M on a motor-driven cycle, we put a restriction on their license which limits them to operating a vehicle meeting this definition.

~John Zimmerman

MARYLAND

Greetings from Merlin. We require Motor Scooters, 2-wheeled vehicles, with an engine displacement 50cc's and under, to be titled and display an ORV sticker. Operators must have insurance and wear a FMVSS218 compliant helmet and FDA approved eye protection.

Maryland does not offer moped/motor scooter courses. Scooters, which are characterized by a step-through chassis and automatic transmission, with an engine displacement 51cc's and over are considered motorcycles under our law. If a customer wants to use a personal scooter in a BRC they can.

~Phil Sause