

Motorcycle and Moped Rider Safety Program - Relevant Oregon Revised Statutes

802.320 Motorcycle safety program; contents; fees; contracts. (1) In addition to any duties under ORS 802.310, the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Transportation Safety Committee, shall establish a motorcycle safety program that complies with this section to the extent moneys are available for such program from the Motorcycle Safety Subaccount under ORS 802.340. The program established may include the following:

(a) Motorcycle safety promotion and public education.

(b) The development of training sites for courses approved by the department to teach safe and proper operation of motorcycles and mopeds.

(c) Classroom instruction and actual driving instruction necessary to teach safe and proper operation of motorcycles and mopeds.

(d) The development of a mobile training unit.

(e) The acquisition of films and equipment that may be loaned to the public for the encouragement of motorcycle and moped safety.

(f) The department may charge a fee for services provided under the program. Any fee charged by the department under this paragraph shall be established by rule and shall not be in an amount that will discourage persons from participating in safety programs offered by the department under this section.

(g) Advice and assistance, including monetary assistance, for motorcycle safety programs operated by government or nongovernment organizations.

(h) Other education or safety programs the department determines will help promote the safe operation of motorcycles and mopeds, promote safe and lawful driving habits, assist in accident prevention and reduce the need for intensive highway policing.

(2) Subject to the State Personnel Relations Law under ORS chapter 240, the department shall employ such employees as the department determines necessary to carry out the purposes of this section to:

(a) Advise and assist motorcycle safety programs in this state.

(b) Act as a liaison between government agencies and advisory committees and interested motorcyclist groups.

(3) The department may provide for the performance of training and other functions of the program established under this section by contracting with any private or public organizations or entities the department determines appropriate to achieve the purposes of this section. The organizations the department may contract with under this subsection include, but are not limited

to, nonprofit private organizations, private organizations that are operated for profit, public or private schools, community colleges or public agencies or political subdivision. [1985 c.16 §442; 1989 c.427 §3; 1991 c.453 §8]

802.340 Transportation Safety Account; uses; Motorcycle Safety Subaccount. (1) The Transportation Safety Account is established in the General Fund of the State Treasury. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all money credited to the account established under this section is appropriated continuously for and shall be used by the Department of Transportation to carry out the following purposes:

(a) Payment of the per diem, travel and other expenses of the Transportation Safety Committee.

(b) Payment of the expenses of the department in performance of its duties related to transportation safety.

(c) Functions or programs established under ORS 802.315.

(2) There is established in the account created under subsection (1) of this section a subaccount to be known as the Motorcycle Safety Subaccount. The subaccount shall consist of moneys credited to the subaccount under ORS 807.370 and as otherwise provided by law. The subaccount shall be accounted for separately. Moneys in the subaccount are continuously appropriated to the department for and shall be used to carry out the purposes provided under ORS 802.320. [1983 c.338 §139; 1985 c.16 §41; 1991 c.453 §10; 1993 c.741 §79]

807.070 Examinations. The Department of Transportation shall administer an examination to establish qualification for each class of license and endorsement. The examination for each class of license or endorsement must include all of the following as described:

(1) A test of the applicant's eyesight. This subsection does not apply to an applicant with a limited vision condition as defined in ORS 807.355.

(2) A test of the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the traffic laws of this state, safe driving practices and factors that cause accidents. This subsection does not apply to an applicant who holds a valid driver license from another jurisdiction or whose driver license from another jurisdiction is expired less than one year. The following all apply to the test under this subsection:

(a) The test may not cover any subject that is not presented in the publications of the department intended for the instruction of applicants for licenses and driver permits.

(b) The test for each class of license and endorsement must include, but is not limited to, a test of knowledge and understanding of traffic laws that relate specifically to the type of driving privileges granted under the specific class of license or endorsement sought.

(c) The test must include, but is not limited to, the following subjects:

(A) Rights of pedestrians who are blind.

- (B) The meaning of official traffic signs and signals.
- (C) Proper operating procedure in emergency situations.
- (D) Vehicle safety equipment and its use.
- (E) Practices necessary for safe operation of a vehicle around pedestrians and bicyclists.
- (F) Practices necessary for safe operation of a vehicle around motorcyclists.

(d) The test must include at least two questions pertaining to the practices necessary for safe operation of a vehicle around motorcyclists.

(e) The test may include a question regarding fuel efficient driving techniques.

(f) The department may waive the test under circumstances described in ORS 807.072.

(3) A test that is an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle without endangering the safety of persons or property. The following apply to this subsection:

(a) The actual demonstration for each class of license shall be performed in a vehicle that may be operated under the class of license sought, but that may not be operated under lower classes of license.

(b) An actual demonstration for a passenger endorsement shall be performed in a vehicle that may be operated under the endorsement.

(c) An actual demonstration for a school bus endorsement shall be performed in a school bus.

(d) An actual demonstration required for a commercial driver license may be performed by a person only if the person has held for at least 14 days a commercial learner driver permit that was issued by the department or by another jurisdiction that authorizes operation of the vehicle used for testing.

(e) The department may waive the demonstration under circumstances described in ORS 807.072.

(4) Any other examination or test, including demonstrations, that the department determines may be necessary to assist the department in establishing whether the applicant is eligible for a license under ORS 807.060 or whether the applicant is fit to operate a motor vehicle safely on the highways of this state. In any examination or test under this subsection, the department shall only conduct an investigation for facts relating directly to the ability of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle safely or other facts that are specifically required to show the fitness of the applicant for license. [1983 c.338 §304; 1985 c.608 §17; 1989 c.636 §19; 1993 c.309 §1; 1997 c.83 §2; 1999 c.1051 §87; 2001 c.410 §1; 2003 c.14 §472; 2003 c.277 §§6,10; 2005 c.649 §§5,6; 2007 c.70 §§326,327; 2007 c.588 §3; 2007 c.677 §§1,2; 2009 c.810 §1; 2013 c.237 §41; 2017 c.190 §4; 2021 c.12 §4]

807.072 Waiver of certain examinations, tests and demonstrations; rules. (1) The Department of Transportation, by rule, may waive any examination, test or demonstration required under ORS 807.070 (2) or (3) if the department receives satisfactory proof that the person required to take the examination, test or demonstration has passed an examination, test or demonstration approved by the department that:

(a) Is given in conjunction with a traffic safety education course certified by the department under ORS 336.802;

(b) Is given in conjunction with a motorcycle rider education course established under ORS 802.320;

(c) Is given in conjunction with a course conducted by a commercial driver training school certified by the department under ORS 822.515; or

(d) Is given in conjunction with an application for a special limited vision condition learner's permit under ORS 807.359.

(2) The department, by rule, may waive the actual demonstration required under ORS 807.070 (3) for a person who is applying for a commercial driver license or a Class C license if the person holds a valid out-of-state license or applies for an Oregon license within one year of the expiration of a valid out-of-state license. A demonstration may be waived under this subsection only if the person has applied for the same driving privileges as those granted under the person's out-of-state license or for privileges granted by a lower class of license.

(3) The department may waive the actual demonstration required under ORS 807.070 for a person who is applying for a commercial driver license, an endorsement related to a commercial driver license or the removal of a restriction from a commercial driver license:

(a) If the person has been certified, as defined by rule, under ORS 807.080 or a similar statute of another jurisdiction as competent to safely exercise the driving privileges granted by a Class A commercial driver license, a Class B commercial driver license or a Class C commercial driver license; or

(b) Under circumstances, established by the department by rule, that establish the person's ability to drive without an actual demonstration.

(4) The department may issue a Class A farm endorsement without requiring additional tests to a person who has a Class C driver license if a farm employer or a self-employed farmer certifies to the department that the person is experienced in driving a vehicle that may be driven only by persons who have a Class A commercial driver license and the person's two-part driving record does not show either a traffic accident within two years of the date of application for the endorsement or a conviction for one of the following traffic crimes within five years of the date of application for the endorsement:

(a) Reckless driving, as defined in ORS 811.140.

(b) Driving while under the influence of intoxicants, as defined in ORS 813.010.

(c) Failure to perform the duties of a driver involved in a collision, as described in ORS 811.700 or 811.705.

(d) Criminal driving while suspended or revoked, as defined in ORS 811.182.

(e) Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, as defined in ORS 811.540.

(5) The department may issue a Class B farm endorsement without requiring additional tests to a person who has a Class C driver license if a farm employer or a self-employed farmer certifies to the department that the person is experienced in driving a vehicle that may be driven only by persons who have a Class B commercial driver license and the person's two-part driving record does not show either a conviction for a traffic crime specified in subsection (4) of this section within five years of the date of application for the endorsement or a traffic accident within two years of the date of application for the endorsement.

(6) The department by rule may establish other circumstances under which a farm endorsement may be issued without an actual demonstration. The authority granted by this subsection includes, but is not limited to, authority to adopt rules specifying circumstances under which the endorsement may be granted to a person despite the appearance of traffic accidents on the person's record.

(7) The department by rule may waive the test required under ORS 807.070 (2) for a person who applies for a motorcycle endorsement if the person:

(a) Holds a valid out-of-state driver license that authorizes the person to operate a motorcycle;

(b) Applies for a motorcycle endorsement within one year after the expiration date of a valid out-of-state driver license that authorizes the person to operate a motorcycle; or

(c) Completes a motorcycle rider education course outside of this state that is approved by the department by rule:

(A) While temporarily residing outside of this state; and

(B) The person is domiciled in this state as described in ORS 803.355 or is a resident as described in ORS 807.062.

(8) The department by rule may waive the actual demonstration required under ORS 807.070 (3) for a person who is applying for a restricted motorcycle endorsement that only authorizes the person to operate a motorcycle with more than two wheels. [2001 c.410 §3; 2003 c.14 §473; 2003 c.277 §§7,11; 2005 c.649 §§7,8; 2007 c.588 §4; 2015 c.716 §5; 2017 c.190 §12; 2017 c.306 §1; 2018 c.22 §6; 2021 c.12 §6; 2021 c.630 §33]

807.175 Motorcycle education course. (1) The Department of Transportation may not issue a motorcycle endorsement to a person unless the person shows to the satisfaction of the department that the person has successfully completed a motorcycle rider education course established by the department under ORS 802.320. This requirement is in addition to any other requirement for the endorsement.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person applying for issuance of a motorcycle endorsement under ORS 807.170 who:

(a) Currently holds a motorcycle endorsement issued by another state; or

(b) Is applying for a restricted motorcycle endorsement that only authorizes the person to operate a motorcycle with more than two wheels.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person applying for issuance of a motorcycle endorsement under ORS 807.170 who:

(a) Is temporarily residing outside of this state;

(b) Is domiciled in this state as described in ORS 803.355 or is a resident as described in ORS 807.062; and

(c) Completes a motorcycle rider education course outside of this state that is approved by the department by rule. [1989 c.427 §2; 1991 c.453 §13; 1993 c.288 §2; 1997 c.292 §3; 2003 c.14 §478; 2009 c.810 §3; 2011 c.326 §1; 2021 c.630 §42]