

Step by Step Motorcycle Licence Process

1st Step

Sign-up for our Beginner Riders Course. After doing so, you will be given access to the student section of our website. The student section contains an on-line version of New Brunswick's Drivers hand book, as well as practice tests that we have generated to assist with a written test which you will need to pass with *Service New Brunswick*. Ensure that you have the following prior to attending the practical part of our course:

A Certified Motorcycle Helmet - This can be borrowed, but it should fit properly. It must also be labelled certified for motorcycle use. Separate eye protection is also required if not included with the helmet.

Boots - Hiking or similar, that cover your ankle bone. You will need something motorcycle specific after you are licensed, but these will do for our course. Some steel toes boots will work fine however we have found that some steel toed boots are tall in the toe area, making shifting more difficult.

Gloves - Nothing fancy, we just need a leather palm. Avoid bulky winter gloves because they tend to have difficulty operating clutch and brake levers.

Jacket and Pants – We are satisfied with denim. Again you WILL require something more substantial and motorcycle specific, but denim will suffice to get through the practical part of the course.

2nd Step

Attend our **Beginner Riders Course**. This will consist of a classroom session on Friday night. We will go over some of the items that will be performed out in the parking lot, as well as many riding tactics that you must be aware of when you are out on the road. We have found that the classroom session is very interactive and all participants benefit from the amount of information shared.

The Saturday and Sunday practical sessions take place in the large rear parking lot at NBCC Moncton. You will spend a great deal of time riding in just these two days. In fact, we have recorded between 40 and 50km of riding, in just 2 days of riding in our parking lot. Our exercises employ a "building block" approach to riding, meaning each of the 16 main exercises build upon the last. All of our modern motorcycles are meticulously maintained and are easy to ride.

Our last 2 exercises have an evaluation component. Each student must demonstrate a distinct level of competency in order to pass. DON'T WORRY! Our success rate is fantastic, and we could not be happier with our past results.

3rd Step

You will take your government issued certificate that you will have earned in step 2 to Service New Brunswick and request to take the written test. We have found that the students who have used our online study tools have had good success. It is our understanding that the written test is the same test that is issued to all drivers licence applicants. However the motorcycle test also has a few additional questions specific to "Section 8" of the drivers handbook that applies to motorcycles.

You then will be required to take a vision test. This is the same test given to all applicants.

Service New Brunswick will then enrol you into the Graduated Motorcycle Licence program.

Your almost done! This licence will allow you to ride ANY road legal motorcycle on the roads of New Brunswick. There are restrictions to this licence: You cannot ride after dark. You cannot ride with a passenger. You must maintain a blood alcohol level of 0.00 at all times. You cannot pull a trailer behind your motorcycle. There are more specifics. Please refer to the government's website for full details.

It is our understanding that there is no time limit on maintaining your graduated motorcycle licence. Keep in mind, if you are found in violation of the restrictions listed above while in the program, you will be required to return to Step #1.



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4th Step

After a minimum of **12 months** after you have received you graduated licence, you can book an appointment with *Service New Brunswick* to receive your full motorcycle licence. Here is where motorcycle displacement comes into play. The province of New Brunswick issues 2 distinct licences. Class 6 is for all motorcycles, Class 6D is for motorcycles with engines smaller than 550ccs. The bike you ride during the driver's test will dictate the licence class you obtain.

The full motorcycle licence will involve a road test. SNB's road test WILL involve riding in traffic. SNB officials will follow behind you while you ride, giving you directions via helmet mounted radio. SNB could take you on any number of routes, and test you on any number of skills. Taking a riding course is NOT mandatory before taking your road test, however there are many skills to learn such as dealing with traffic and negotiating curves, which you would most certainly benefit from taking additional riding courses. We have a "Street Survival" course which features helmet to helmet communication, that touches on as many of these skills as possible while out on the road, and fills the void between our parking lot course and your final road test.

You are then free and clear of all licensed restrictions.

Ride safe!