

RECIPROCITY BY STATE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

State	Status & Information	
	Yes/No	Comments
Alabama	No	See state explanation
Alaska	Yes	
Arizona		No response to e-mail
Arkansas	No	See state explanation
California		No response to e-mail, contacting CHP & CMSP
Colorado	Yes / No	Will honor course, need to be in the state for photo to endorse license
Connecticut	No	See state explanation
Delaware	Yes	See state explanation
Florida	Yes	Follow directions on DMV web site
Georgia	No	State law requires that member must attend State program course
Hawaii	No	See state explanation
Idaho		No response to e-mail
Illinois	Yes	Call Glenn at 217-785-3002
Indiana	Yes	See state explanation
Iowa	Yes	See state explanation
Kansas	Yes	See Below
Kentucky	No	State law requires a permit and eye test, must be done in the state
Louisiana	Yes / No	See state explanation
Maine	Yes	See state explanation
Maryland	No	See state explanation
Massachusetts	Yes	See state explanation, Naval Safety Center will e-mail the attachment
Michigan	Yes	Call: out of state resident at 517 322 1475 for information
Minnesota	Yes	See state explanation
Mississippi		No response to e-mail / phone call
Missouri	No	See state explanation
Montana	Yes	See state explanation
Nebraska	Yes	See state explanation
Nevada	Yes	See state explanation
New Hampshire		response to e-mail awaiting answer leaning to Yes
New Jersey		No response
New Mexico		No response to e-mail

New York		No response to e-mail
North Carolina	Yes / No	See state explanation
North Dakota		No response to e-mail
Ohio	No	See state explanation
Oklahoma	Yes / No	See state explanation
Oregon	Yes	Information on OregonDMV.com or call Mark at 503-945-8850
Pennsylvania	Yes	PENNDOT form DL298 Box "C" signed by RiderCoach
Rhode Island	No	Must be done in the state
South Carolina	No	See state explanation
South Dakota	Yes	See state explanation
Tennessee	Yes	See state explanation
Texas	Yes	See state explanation
Utah	Yes / No	See state explanation
Vermont	Yes / No	See state explanation
Virginia	Yes	After Jan 1, 2005, Must contact Naval Safety Center for VA card
Washington	Yes	See state explanation, Naval Safety Center will e-mail the attachment
West Virginia	Yes	See state explanation
Wisconsin	Yes	See state explanation
Wyoming	Yes	Follow Directions on the Web Site

Note: The information provided is for active duty personnel. Dependents and DoD civilians will need to contact the state for more information.

Alabama

In order to be licensed to operate a motorcycle in Alabama, an applicant is required to take a written test at one of the Alabama Department of Public Safety Examining Offices. DPS cannot accept a certificate from a Motorcycle Riders Course in lieu of the written test. The applicant must physically report to the examining station in order to be tested. Driver Licenses can be renewed for military personnel by mail as long as a photograph and signature are on file. Alabama no longer issues "Valid without Photo" Licenses.

Arkansas

The state of Arkansas does not currently have a provision in the law which would allow us to add a motorcycle endorsement to the Arkansas license based on any testing done by the military or other states. Holders of Arkansas class D regular license or commercial drivers license would be required to pass the Arkansas State Police motorcycle exam prior to having the endorsement added to the license.

Connecticut

Thank you for writing to the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV is always working to improve customer service. We hope that this process will give you the service you need and answer the questions you have.

Unfortunately, at this time CT does not offer military personnel this option. Please contact Robert Simmons, CT Congressman at 860-886-0139. Again, thank you for writing to the Department of Motor Vehicles. If you have additional questions, please contact us again at: mail@dmvct.org / www.dmvnv.com. The fee to add the endorsement is \$7.25.

Delaware

Driver Services Section we need the following process done in order to issue a DE License with a Motorcycle Endorsement:

1 – Name in full

2 – Date of birth

3 – Social Security Number

4 – License Number

5 – MSF BRC Card with MSF logo on card – Send original card no photo copies will be accepted. We will return card with endorsed license.

6 – Check payable to The Division of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$8.00

7 – Return address to mail new license

Provide the above information to:

Division of Motor Vehicles

Attn: Kristine Salyers

P.O. Box 698

Dover, DE 19903

Once we receive the above information and everything is approved we will make the new driver's license with the "M" endorsement. We will mail this license plus the original MSF BRC card along with a note requesting the non-endorsed license to be returned to Kristine Salyers. We will include a return envelope so the applicant can return their non-endorsed license. It is important that the Navy understand that Delaware law does not allow an individual to hold more than one valid license.

Hawaii

The riding courses you refer to will not satisfy the test requirement(s) of Hawaii. There is not a way or procedure to add a motorcycle endorsement to an already existing car, moped, or CDL license by mail, the applicant must return for testing.

Indiana

An out-of-state motorcycle rider course completion card is valid for one-year from the date of issuance. If you want to add the motorcycle endorsement to your Indiana license, your out-of-state motorcycle card must be converted into an Indiana completion card. That process is done through the Department of Education. Your Indiana completion card will have the same date of issuance as your out of state card.

Requirements to add the motorcycle endorsement to your Indiana license are as follows:

- (i) you will have to have a valid motorcycle permit,
- (ii) an Indiana completion card
- (iii) and a valid license.

Permits are valid for one year. You will be required to hold the permit for 30 days to add the endorsement to your license. If you will be out of the state, and have held the permit for 30 days, and the completion card is valid, the photo exempt department can add the endorsement to your license. If you have any further questions, please contact Driver Services, at (317)233-6000, Option 2.

If you want to convert your card, you may fax or mail a photocopy of the card, your name, address, and date of birth to:

Department of Education
Attention:John Bodeker
151 W Ohio St
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fax:317-233-0858

Iowa

Iowa will accept evidence of completion of a military Basic Riders Course providing the course is endorsed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. A plastic license will be created with the motorcycle endorsement only if Iowa has the photograph and signature stored electronically in our files. Iowa started storing photographs and signatures in late 1995. In all other cases, a paper temporary driving permit will be provided.

This process can be completed via the U.S. Postal system providing the license is sent to the service person's commanding officer or his/her designee. The commanding officer must agree to see that the license is delivered into the hands of the correct person.

Kansas

If a active duty member of the military completes a state approved motorcycle safety course Kansas will add the M endorsement to the Kansas drivers license. They just need to send in a copy of their completion card to us and pay the fee and we will gladly add that to the drivers license via the Postal system without returning to the state.

Louisiana

Louisiana would waive the skills test, but the applicant would still be required to take the written knowledge motorcycle test and that would need to be done in person, not via mail.

Maryland

Maryland does not accept rider course completion documents from a MSF course taken in another state or from a military program in the US or overseas.

Maryland Vehicle Law states that in order to qualify for the license waiver an individual must complete an "Administration (Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration) approved basic motorcycle safety course". The MVA has no regulatory authority over other programs.

Maine

We do accept the Motorcycle Safety Foundations, Basic Rider Course for the addition of the "I" endorsement (motorcycle) to a Maine driver's license. It can be taken in Maine or out of state, but must be within the past two years. It also can be added to a Maine driver's license even if the person is not in Maine. The person should contact this section, Driver Education Program, telephone number 207-624-9156 or email Driver.Education@maine.gov and explain that they have completed this course and would like to have the endorsement added to their Maine driver's license. If they contact us by email they should include their full name, date of birth, drivers license number and current mailing address. We will then send the necessary paperwork to them. The fee for adding this endorsement is \$15. This is a \$10 application fee and a \$5 duplicate license fee. When they submit the forms back to this office along with the fee, they will also need to send a photocopy of the card they received after the completion of the Basic Rider Course. The card should say Basic Rider Course at the top and also mention the MSF.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts will license military personnel who have completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundations Basic Rider Course. Applicants must complete the attached application and provide the necessary documentation. If the applicant does not have a Massachusetts issued motorcycle learners permit the must show proof of their active duty military status. All Massachusetts licenses are manufactured off-site and are mailed directly to the mailing address on file. Applicants stationed within the United States should receive their license if we have the correct mailing address. Applicants stationed overseas will need to have their license forwarded to them. If you have any other questions or concerns you may contact me directly at 617-351-9328.

Minnesota

You must submit proof to Driver and Vehicle Services that you have passed the motorcycle test (comparable to ours) from the state of temporary residence, along with an application for duplicate license, and \$29.00 if its for a duplicate license with a first time MC endorsement.

Please respond with your out of state address and an application will be sent to you. Please feel free to contact us for more information or visit our web site at www.mndriveinfo.org

Missouri

Unfortunately, there is currently no procedure allowing Missouri drivers to obtain motorcycle operator privilege from Missouri without returning to Missouri to take the approved tests/course and applying for a new license here. Only approved Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program courses are acceptable.

No other courses are accepted.

An alternative would be for the Missouri driver to surrender his/her Missouri driver license, and test/apply for a driver license (with motorcycle endorsement) in the U.S. state where they are currently stationed. U.S. Military-issued driver licenses do not have reciprocity privilege.

Montana

Our current policy is to work with military personal stationed overseas to add a motorcycle endorsement on their Montana driver license. They will have to complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's basic course while they are stationed overseas. It is a process that requires multiple correspondence that takes at least 4-8 weeks. The individual would have to send us identification, certificate of completion of the MSF course, and \$2.00. Then we would send a written test to their commanding officer who supervise the administration of the test in a controlled environment. The commanding officer would then send the test, upgraded, directly back to us for scoring. We would then add the endorsement on the license and send it back. If the person is stationed in the states, we do not add any endorsement to a Montana driver license. They can either add it when they are in Montana or exchange the Montana driver license for the state they are stationed in (having the endorsement added to that license). When they return to Montana they can then transfer back for a Montana license. If they complete the MSF course while in the states they need to add it to that states driver license (not wait until they go overseas to add it then). As I am sure you are aware, getting a motorcycle endorsement is becoming more and more popular. With the number of request we receive to add an endorsement we have to limit it to those stationed overseas. I realize that those stationed in the states would rather not give up their Montana driver license but they do have an option (getting another states license) that those overseas do not.

Nebraska

Nebraska will honor MSF completion cards, to allow military personnel to add motorcycle endorsement to their Nebraska license. A photocopy of the completion card will required, and reviewed for approval by Nebraska Highway Safety officer. The motorcycle endorsement is added at no fee to the Class O driver's license, it cannot be added to a Nebraska Commercial Driver's License by mail.

North Carolina

Will accept completion card for license waiver call 1-800 428-7433 or 1-252-747-7093 for more information

Oklahoma

In Oklahoma all applicants wanting a motorcycle endorsement are required to take a written test at a DPS testing facility. The drive test will be waived upon the applicant showing us their MSF card/certificate.

South Carolina

The department only accepts the Motorcycle Safety Course when the course is taken in South Carolina by a Safety Officer for Third Party Testing. And this instructor has been certified by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to administer the South Carolina Rider Education Program (MRC) on behalf of this department and the State of South Carolina. At this time we only have a contract agreement with Midlands Technical Colleges. If the course is taken through this school the applicant may submit the "Waiver Card" and a copy of the Level II Evaluation Score Sheet or Experienced Rider Course Evaluation Sheet to waive the skills test to one of our office DMV to be reviewed. We also wish to advise that the

waiver card is only valid for 180 days from the date of issue.

In order to add this endorsement to the driver's license the applicant would need to do the following:

- Appear in person at their local branch office
- Passed the knowledge portion of the motorcycle test administered by our office.
- Pay the \$25.00 driver's license fee for a ten-year license

If you have any future inquiries regarding this matter, please provide us with the tracking number listed below:

Tracking Number: 140299

South Dakota

If an active duty military member completes a class offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and mails a copy of the certificate, an application for a duplicate, and a \$6.00 fee to our office; we will add the endorsement to their license. To qualify they must have a valid (not expired license). For more information they may call 1-800-952-3696, Monday thru Friday

Tennessee

Tennessee will honor all military completion cards within one (1) year of course completion. We will accept out of state cards from states that accept Tennessee completion cards. A motorcycle endorsement can be added by mail however a statement from a doctor certifying 20/40 or better vision has to be included along with notarized copies of current license MSF card and the \$3.00 fee must be included. Must also include a letter as to assignment and request.

Texas

Military members can get their Texas Motorcycle License by attending a Basic Rider Course outside Texas. Procedures to accomplish that task is found on the Texas Department of Public Safety's web site,

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/faq/answers_dl_id.htm#q32.

Ohio

Currently, there are no provisions to obtain a motorcycle endorsement without physically appearing at the local deputy registrar agency to obtain a motorcycle temporary instruction permit.

If you have taken the Basic Rider's Course in another state, please contact the Motorcycle Ohio office at 1-800-837-4337 to see if they will transfer the course taken out of state for an Ohio Completion Card. By obtaining the Ohio card, you are waiving the skills portion of the examination. The written portion of the examination is still required.

Utah

Yes, Utah will accept the completion of a Basic Motorcycle training course given outside the state of Utah. However, the driver will need to provide the card certifying the completion of the course. No, a driver would need to be in Utah to add the motorcycle endorsement. The restriction needs to be added to the front of the license and the driver needs to complete a written motorcycle test.

Vermont

The State of Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles accepts completion cards from any state, military or independent program using the BRC curriculum as a waiver of the Department's motorcycle skills test. An individual presenting such a card to DMV would be required to pass the Department's motorcycle knowledge test prior to having the endorsement added to their Vermont license.

The Department's motorcycle knowledge test is also used to issue motorcycle permits for individuals learning to ride a motorcycle. If an individual has, within the past three years, passed the Department's motorcycle knowledge test to obtain a permit and, during this time period, passes a state, military or independent BRC, the motorcycle endorsement could be added to their license via the U.S. Postal system.

Washington

Any active duty military member that is a Washington resident and has a Washington drivers license can obtain a motorcycle endorsement by completing a rider education course provided by a military installation or through a state program and complying with the attached letter. We can not issue the basic drivers license through the mail, for that, the individual must appear in person.

West Virginia

The DMV will allow a person in the Military to obtain a motorcycle endorsement without having to return to WV. The applicant would have to submit all fees to renew and add the motorcycle endorsement to the license. The endorsement would be added to the license in the DMV computer system, and a driving record with the endorsement would be sent to the applicant showing the endorsement on the record. No actual license will be mailed. The applicant should contact the WV DMV first before taking the class to obtain the correct fees and make sure of eligibility first. They may call 304-558-2350 for further information.

Wisconsin

It is possible to add the class M (motorcycle) to a Wisconsin license while the person is away from Wisconsin. Wisconsin DOT can send written authorization for the out-of-state jurisdiction to perform the required written and skills tests which the applicant can then return to Wisconsin with the required fees and application. The class M can then be added to the license and the new license mailed to the applicant.

Wisconsin will accept the MSF Basic Rider Course completion from another jurisdiction in lieu of the skills test.

[A person interested in pursuing the class M can contact Wisconsin DOT at \(608\) 266-2353 or via e-mail at rlis.dmv@dot.state.wi.us.](mailto:rlis.dmv@dot.state.wi.us)

