

Effective January 19, 2009, Alberta will introduce a new motorcycle test.

Overview

- The current on-lot test, available at motorcycle schools, will be eliminated.

 Alberta is the only Canadian jurisdiction that allows a Class 6 motorcycle licence to be issued without an on-road test conducted in a traffic environment.
- The length of the road test will increase from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.

 This will allow the driver examiner to fully assess the client's skills and abilities in a variety of road and traffic situations.
- The test will start and finish at Alberta Registry Agent offices and at approved motorcycle schools. Tests at approved motorcycle schools will be available for students who have completed an authorized training course.
- Tests conducted at motorcycle schools will be scheduled through Registry Agents, who will arrange for driver examiners to conduct the tests.

Summary

Consistent testing standard - All clients wanting a Class 6 motorcycle licence, throughout the province, will be required to pass a road test in a traffic environment.

Service delivery - The motorcycle test will be arranged by the Registry Agents. Some motorcycle schools will provide additional test sites, recognizing that students often do not have a motorcycle available at the time of the test.

Test safety - The use of one-way radios will allow the driver examiner to advise the client of immediate dangers and allow the test to be discontinued if necessary. Driver examiners will assess the "road readiness" of clients before venturing into traffic.



