

EU third directive

Rules for moped and motorcycles to be used on test: from 19 January 2013

Category and moped or motorcycle to be used on test	minimum age	what's required to gain access to category
AM - Two-wheel machine with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cubic capacity of 50cc or less • maximum design speed not exceeding 45km/h (28mph) 	16	CBT theory and practical test
A1 - Motorcycle without sidecar with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cubic capacity of at least 120cc and no more than 125cc • power output not exceeding 11kW (14.6bhp) • capable of a speed of at least 90km/h (55mph) 	17	CBT theory and practical test
A2 - Motorcycle without sidecar with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cubic capacity of at least 395cc • engine power of at least 25kW (33bhp) not exceeding 35kW (46.6bhp) • power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW/kg not derived from a vehicle more than double its power 	19	(Progressive Access) must have held an A1 licence for a minimum of two years: take either a practical test or *training option Or must hold a valid CBT and theory test certificate and take practical test.
A - Motorcycle without a sidecar with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cubic capacity of at least 595cc • engine power of at least 40kW (53.6bhp) 	21	(Progressive Access) must have held an A2 for a minimum of two years: take either a practical test or *training option
A - As above	24 (Direct Access)	Hold a valid CBT and theory test certificate and practical test
<p>Motorcycle candidates must always have a valid theory test certificate before taking their first practical motorcycle test. Unless they take the progressive access route, they must have a valid theory test certificate before taking any further practical motorcycle tests.</p> <p>A three-wheeled moped or motorcycle is only suitable for test if the distance measured between the centre of the area of contact with the road surface of the two wheels is less than 460mm (46cm). It's likely that these vehicles won't be suitable for test from 19 January 2013.</p> <p>*The feasibility of the training option is currently being looked into; a final decision is yet to be made.</p>		