

## EARNING YOUR LICENSE

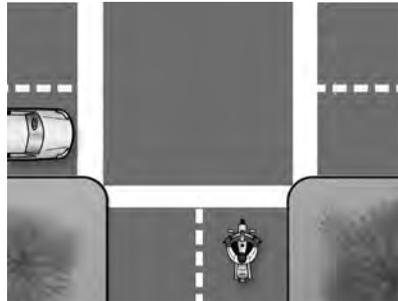
Safe riding requires knowledge and skill. Licensing tests are the best measurement of the skills necessary to operate safely in traffic. Assessing your own skills is not enough. People often overestimate their own abilities. It's even harder for friends and relatives to be totally honest about your skills. Licensing exams are designed to be scored more objectively.

To earn your license, you must pass a knowledge test and an on-cycle skill test. Knowledge test questions are based on information, practices and ideas from this manual. They require that you know and understand road rules and safe riding practices. An on-cycle skill test will either be conducted in an actual traffic environment or in a controlled, off-street area.

### KNOWLEDGE TEST

*(Sample Questions)*

1. **It is MOST important to flash your brake light when:**
  - A. Someone is following too closely.
  - B. You will be slowing suddenly.
  - C. There is a stop sign ahead.
  - D. Your signals are not working.
2. **The FRONT brake supplies how much of the potential stopping power?**
  - A. About 25 percent.
  - B. About 50 percent.
  - C. About 70 percent.
  - D. All of the stopping power.
3. **To swerve correctly:**
  - A. Shift your weight quickly.
  - B. Turn the handlebars quickly.
  - C. Press the handgrip in the direction of the turn.
  - D. Press the handgrip in the opposite direction of the turn.
4. **If a tire goes flat while riding and you must stop, it is usually best to:**
  - A. Relax on the handgrips.
  - B. Shift your weight toward the good tire.
  - C. Brake on the good tire and steer to the side of the road.
  - D. Use both brakes and stop quickly.
5. **The car below is waiting to enter the intersection. It is best to:**
  - A. Make eye contact with the driver.
  - B. Reduce speed and be ready to react.
  - C. Maintain speed and position.
  - D. Maintain speed and move right.



## ON-MOTORCYCLE SKILLS TEST

Basic vehicle control and crash-avoidance skills are included in on-motorcycle tests to determine your ability to handle normal and hazardous traffic situations.

*You may be tested for your ability to:*

- **Know your motorcycle** and your riding limits.
- **Accelerate, brake and turn safely.**
- **See, be seen** and communicate with others.
- **Adjust speed** and position to the

traffic situation.

- **Stop, turn and swerve quickly.**
- **Make critical decisions** and carry them out.

*Examiners may score on factors related to safety such as:*

- **Selecting** safe speeds to perform maneuvers.
- **Choosing** the correct path and staying within boundaries.
- **Completing** normal and quick stops.
- **Completing** normal and quick turns or swerves.

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Answers to Test Yourself (previous pages)

1-C, 2-D, 3-D, 4-A, 5-B,  
6-C, 7-D 8-D, 9-C, 10-C,  
11-D, 12-A, 13-A, 14-C

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Answers to Knowledge Test (previous page):

1-B, 2-C, 3-C, 4-C, 5-B

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*Diagrams and drawings used in this manual are for reference only and are not to correct scale for size of vehicles and distances.*

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