



RIDER SKILL TEST (RST) – AUTOMATIC FAILURES

Document

- Missing or expired motorcycle temporary instruction permit (TIP).
- Missing or expired Michigan driver license (cycle endorsement TIP is not valid without accompanying license).
- Missing or expired motorcycle license plate or registration.
- Missing or expired vehicle insurance for that particular test cycle.
- No rental agreement for a rental test cycle.
- Missing permission letter for a cycle with a dealer plate.
- Vehicle presented for test is not a motorcycle—e.g., has a moped decal or meets the legal definition of a moped.

Equipment

- Improper helmet or no helmet.* Helmet must be certified by DOT, Snell, US, or ANGI, or equipped with at least 1” of appropriate foam lining and a sturdy, thick, well-riveted chin strap (includes 3-wheeled cycles).
- Applicant removes helmet during the test—except when the examiner is reading instructions or speaking to the applicant.
- Inoperative or missing rear brake light.
- No permanently mounted rider seat.
- Handlebars higher than 30 inches from the handle grips, measured vertically over the lowest point of the unoccupied seat to a horizontal line extending from the grips. (Do not measure directly from the seat to the grips.)

Performance

- Applicant repeatedly and purposely fails to follow an instruction: If an applicant fails to follow an examiner’s instructions, the examiner will give the applicant a verbal warning and ask the applicant to repeat the exercise. If the applicant fails to attempt to follow the same instructions twice, it will result in an automatic skills test failure. (The examiner may determine an applicant made a good faith attempt and allow another attempt.)
- Applicant refuses to perform or attempt any maneuver in good faith: The examiner will give a verbal warning, then fail the applicant if he or she does not attempt to follow the examiner’s instructions.
- Applicant accumulates four engine stalls during the test.
- Applicant drops or crashes the bike any time during the test.
- Applicant commits an unsafe act putting the examiner and/or applicant at risk. These acts include but are not limited to “wheelies,” “brakies,” or standing on foot pegs during an exercise.
- Applicant puts foot down during 3W test.

Other Reasons to terminate the RST

- If an applicant offers the examiner a bribe or gratuity, the examiner must immediately terminate the test and report the incident to MDOS.

Examiners must always thoroughly explain the reason for any automatic failure in the Comments section of the RST score sheet.

REMINDER: DO NOT TEST AUTOCYCLES.

A person may operate an autocycle without a cycle endorsement.

* A rider with a motorcycle TIP is not eligible under Michigan law to operate without a helmet.

Motorcycle Endorsement Failures and Procedures



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To paraphrase Michigan law (MCL 257-312b), “A driver who has failed the 2-Wheel Rider Skills Test (RST) twice shall be denied a motorcycle (CY) endorsement until the driver can successfully complete a Michigan Rider Education Program training course”. The driver must present the certificate of completion obtained from a Michigan Rider Education Program training course or equivalent training course to the Secretary of State to be eligible to apply for their motorcycle (CY) endorsement.

NOTE: Document and equipment failures or 3-Wheel RST failures do not count toward motorcycle endorsement recorded denials. 3-Wheel RST scoresheets are to be submitted with the regular monthly reporting.

The following procedures are outlined for performance failures if the rider either accumulates more than 10 points, falls or drops the bike during the 2-Wheel RST. It is not necessary to determine the number of times the rider has failed the RST. However, it is important to use the following procedures in reporting performance failure on the RST to the Driver Education & Testing Section (DETS) each time. DETS will post 2-Wheel RST failures to a driving record within 24 hours of the completion of the RST.

1. Complete the bottom portion of the RST score sheet with the failing points and the reason for the test termination.
2. Issue the applicant a copy of the *Information for Unsuccessful Motorcycle Test Applicants*.
3. Explain to the applicant that they must take a second RST on another day. Also, advise the applicant why they failed and suggest they thoroughly practice before attempting a second RST.
4. Warn the applicant that a second failure will require proof of passing a motorcycle safety training course to obtain their motorcycle (CY) endorsement.
5. Remind the applicant to visit the www.michigan.gov/motorcycling or call 517-241-6850 for a Michigan Rider Education Program training course.

Immediately fax or email a copy of the 2-Wheeled RST Score Sheet to the department at 517-335-3155 or MDOS-drivertesting@Michigan.gov. The score sheet must be submitted to the department the same day that the performance failure occurred.

Retain a photocopy for your records and submit the original 2-Wheeled RST score sheet with the remainder of your monthly report.

If you have any questions you may contact staff at 517-241-6850 or MDOS-drivertesting@Michigan.gov.