

## Questions/Answers

### 1. What are the 14 recommendations of the committee of experts on motorcyclist safety?

Please refer to the Report of the Expert Panel on Motorcycle Safety (<https://saag.gouv.qc.ca/rapportmoto>). This report details the actions and thinking behind the various recommendations. Afterwards, if any questions remain, please invite clients to send us their questions related to the report's recommendations using the e-mail box on our website.

### 2. What would be the new rules of access for motorcycle riding suggested in Recommendation 1?

Applicants with a certain number of demerit points to their driving record would be denied access to motorcycle driving upon application for a Class 6R learner's licence.

Although this is currently a draft regulation only and since conditions may change, the suggested new access rules are as follows:

- If the person interested in obtaining a Class 6R learner's permit is the holder of a probationary license or a Class 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C or 5 driver's license, he or she should not have accumulated 4 or more demerit points in his or her file and should not have been the subject of a sanction under any of the sections 180, 185 or 191.2 of the Highway Safety Code (chapter C-24.2) for at least 2 years.
- If the person wishing to obtain a Class 6R learner's permit does not hold a probationary license or a Class 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C or 5 driver's license (i.e., a first driver's license), he or she should not have demerit points in his or her file and should not have been the subject of a sanction under any of the sections 180, 185 or 191.2 of the Highway Safety Code for at least 2 years.

### 3. When are the new access rules due to come into force?

The new access rules for motorcycle riding require amendments to the Regulation respecting licenses. The project is currently in development and the regulatory process is ongoing.

### 4. Do these rules apply to all new applicants wishing to obtain a motorcycle class or only to those who do not hold a Class 5 driving licence?

The rules apply to all new candidates, whether they are applying for a first driver's licence or to add the motorcycle class.

### 5. Are applicants wishing to obtain a Class 6E license (authorizing the operation of a three-wheeled motorcycle) or Class 6D license (authorizing the operation of a moped) affected by the new access rules?

No, applicants wishing to obtain a Class 6E or 6D licence are not affected by the new access rules since they do not have to obtain a Class 6R learner's licence first. Indeed, access to Classes

6E and 6D has different requirements than other Classes 6, which is why they are not included in the Regulation.

6. Are persons who have already been holders of a motorcycle class and who wish to regain it subject to these new rules?

People who have already had a motorcycle class will only have to retake the 3 exams (knowledge test, closed track road test and road test) and will therefore not be subject to these new rules.

7. Why the 4 demerit point threshold?

The threshold of 4 demerit points to the driving record establishes consistency with applicants for driving a heavy vehicle as well as with the requirements for a probationary license. This measure is therefore consistent with other SAAQ actions.

8. At what stage of the access process will the driving record of candidates wishing to obtain a motorcycle license be verified?

- At the time of making an appointment for the knowledge test;
- On the day of the knowledge test appointment;
- Upon issuance of a Class 6R learner's permit. If the client has passed the knowledge test, but has to return later and demerit points are added to the driving record in the meantime, the client may no longer be eligible if the threshold of 4 demerit points is reached.

9. What will happen if a candidate accumulates demerit points between the time the appointment is made and the day of the knowledge test?

The driving record of candidates wishing to obtain a Class 6R learner's permit will be rechecked upon arrival at the service centre to ensure that they meet all the access rules for this type of license. If an applicant no longer meets the conditions on the day of the knowledge test, he or she will not be authorized to take the test. He or she will have to wait until his or her driving record improves before he or she can re-register for an appointment. Candidates who no longer meet the access conditions due to the accumulation of demerit points after their knowledge test appointment has been booked will therefore have to cancel their appointment.

10. Once a Class 6R learner's license is obtained, will the driving record be rechecked during the access process?

No. Applicants' driving records are only verified at the time of registration for the knowledge test, which is at the beginning of the access process to obtain a Class 6A, 6B or 6C license. Once a Class 6R Learner's License is obtained, applicants continue the usual access process.

11. Can an applicant enrol in a driving school even if he or she has 4 or more demerit points?

Normally, applicants must pass the knowledge test before registering for the Motorcycle Riding Training Course (Road Safety Education Program – Operating a Motorcycle). Once a Class 6R learner's license is obtained, there is no further verification on file.

Therefore, if the learner's license is valid and the applicant has 4 or more demerit points after obtaining their 6R, they will be able to register at the driving school.

12. Will a candidate who failed the knowledge test just before the regulation came into force be subject to the new rules when retaking it?

Yes, the client will be subject to the new rules. He or she will have to wait until their driving record improves before being eligible to retake the knowledge test.

13. Are there any transitional measures planned for candidates who wish to register for the knowledge test before the regulation comes into force?

At this time, no transitional measures are planned.