Motorcycle Access - 3rd European Driving Licence Directive

AM Licence (Mopeds)

The age limit for category AM is 16 years Access age may be from 14 years Having effect on national territory only Or elevated to 18 years

Theory test - Practical test is optional

A1 Licence (Light Motorcycles)

Cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimetres.

Of a power not exceeding 11 kW and with a
power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.1 kW/kg
All Member States have to introduce this category
of licence which did not exist in all Member States

Direct Access Age limit 16 years Age limit may be elevated up to 17 or 18 years Theory and practical test

A2 Licence (Motorcycles)

Motorcycles, with or without a sidecar, of a power not exceeding 35 kW
A power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.2 kW/kg
And not derived from a vehicle of more than double its power

Direct Access
Minimum age is fixed at 18 years.
If minimum age for category A1 Licence is at 17 or 18 years
The minimum age for category A2 will be 19 or 20 years
Theory and Practical Test

Progressive Access
There must be 2 years between
the minimum age for A1 Licence and minimum age for A2 Licence
If a rider is a holder of a A1 Licence for 2 years
Pass a practical test or complete training
No Theory Test

A Licence (Motorcycles)

(Motorcycles with or without sidecar.)

Direct Access

Minimum age limit has been raised from the previous 21 years to 24 years
Theory and practical test

Progressive Access Acquire two years experience on a motorcycle of A2 Licence Pass a practical test or complete training No Theory Test

> Entitled to ride A Licence category motorcycles From the age of 20 (or possibly 21 or 22 depending on the minimum age for A2)

Motorcycle Licence Scenario for UK

