

California Motorcycle Law

Road	
Safety Helmet	Required by law
State Funded Rider Ed	Available for all eligible applicants - required under age 21
Eye Protection	Not Required
Daytime Use of Headlight	Required by law-modulating headlight permitted, required for vehicles manufactured during or after 1978
Passenger Seat	Required if carrying a passenger
Passenger Footrest	Required if carrying a passenger
Passenger Age Restriction	None
Helmet Speakers	Single earphone only
Periodic Safety Inspection	Required by law - random
Mirror Left(L) Right(R)	One required by law
Radar Detector	No Restriction
Turn Signals	Required by law
Muffler	Muffler required. No muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout, bypass or similar device (27150. Adequate Muffler Required).
Maximum Sound Level	Maximum allowable A-weighted sound levels based on measurements taken at a distance of 50 ft from center lane of travel:1)Pre-1970..92dba; 2) After 1969, and before 1973...88dba; 3) After 1972, and before 1975...86dba; 4) After 1974, and before 1986...83dba; 5) After 1985...80dba (27201-27202. Motorcycle Limits).

Off Road	
Safety Helmet	Required by law for ATV's only - Not enforced for Off-Road motorcycles unless riding on State or Federal Land - (each agency has the flexibility to enforce or not enforce the helmet law on their land.
Eye Protection	Not Required
Minimum Operator Age	Operator must be able to reach all controls. Safety Certificate required under age 18 for ATV's only.
Rider Education Certification	Required for ATV riders under age 16.
Operator License	Not Required
Headlight	Required after sunset
Taillight	Required after sunset
Muffler	Required by law
Maximum Sound Level	96dba
Spark Arrestor	Required by law
Registration	Required by law
Vehicle Title	Not Required
Trails Program	Available

Road	
State Insurance Requirements	Compulsory Liability (Minimum Limits)(15/30/5) - Financial responsibility required. A driver involved in an accident who fails to prove existence of financial responsibility at time of accident shall have driver's license suspended for 1 year.
Handlebar Height	A person shall not drive a two-wheel motorcycle that is equipped with handlebars so positioned that the hands of the driver, when upon the grips, are more than six inches above his or her shoulder height when sitting astride the seat.
Earplugs	No Restriction.
Rider-Education Waiver	Skill Test
Accept Motorcycle Endorsement From Other States	Yes
Accept RiderEd Completion Card From Other States	No
Motorcycles operating two abreast in same lane	Not referenced in Administrative Code or Statutes
Lane Splitting	Not referenced in Administrative Code or Statutes