

RCW 46.20.510 Instruction permit—Fee—Examinations—Director may adopt and enforce rules. (1) **Motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a valid driver's license who wishes to learn to ride a motorcycle may apply for a motorcycle instruction permit. The department may issue a motorcycle instruction permit after the applicant has successfully passed all knowledge and skills examinations required and approved by the department. The director shall collect a fee of fifteen dollars for the motorcycle instruction permit or renewal, and deposit the fee in the motorcycle safety education account of the highway safety fund.

(a) The examination for a two-wheeled motorcycle instruction permit and the examination for a three-wheeled motorcycle instruction permit must be separate and distinct examinations.

(b) The department may authorize an entity that has entered into a contract authorized under RCW 46.20.520 to administer the motorcycle instruction permit examinations.

(c) If a motorcyclist fails the motorcycle endorsement skills test, but demonstrates a level of riding skill consistent with a motorcycle instruction permit, the department may waive any further skills testing required to obtain a motorcycle instruction permit.

(2) **Effect of motorcycle instruction permit.** A person holding a motorcycle instruction permit may drive a motorcycle upon the public highways if the person has immediate possession of the permit and a valid driver's license. An individual with a motorcyclist's instruction permit may not carry passengers and may not operate a motorcycle during the hours of darkness.

(3) **Term of motorcycle instruction permit.** A motorcycle instruction permit is valid for one hundred eighty days from the date of issue.

(a) The department may issue one additional one hundred eighty-day permit.

(b) The department may not issue more than two motorcycle instruction permits to an applicant within a five-year period.

(4) The director may adopt and enforce reasonable rules that are consistent with this section. [2019 c 65 § 3; 2011 c 246 § 1; 2002 c 352 § 17; 1999 c 274 § 10; 1999 c 6 § 25; 1989 c 337 § 9; 1985 ex.s. c 1 § 9; 1985 c 234 § 3; 1982 c 77 § 3.]

Finding—Effective date—2019 c 65: See notes following RCW 46.81A.020.

Effective dates—2002 c 352: See note following RCW 46.09.410.

Intent—1999 c 6: See note following RCW 46.04.168.

Effective date—1985 ex.s. c 1: See note following RCW 46.20.070.

Severability—1982 c 77: See note following RCW 46.20.500.