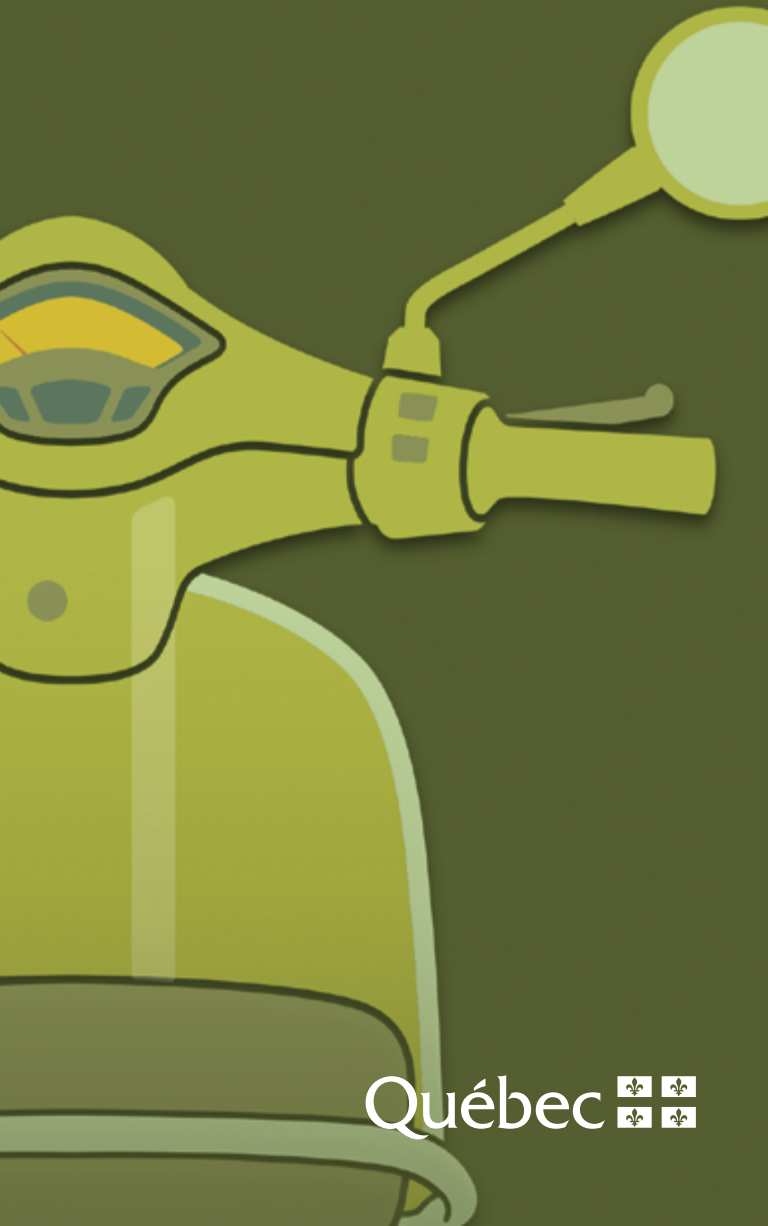


PROSPECTIVE MOPED OR SCOOTER OPERATOR



Québec 

Using a moped or scooter is often a driver's first experience operating a motor vehicle on the road. Although this mode of transportation does grant some degree of independence, these vehicles expose new drivers to accident risks.

Moped and scooter operators usually have little experience on the road and may have a tendency to take risks. In addition, moped and scooter operators, just like motorcyclists, have little protection and may sometimes be difficult to see. It is therefore very important that they learn to properly share the road with other road users.

A moped or scooter is a two- or three-wheeled vehicle with a maximum speed of 70 km/h, equipped with an automatic transmission and an electric motor or a gasoline-powered motor with a maximum cylinder capacity of 50 cc.

Driver's licence

To drive a moped or scooter, you must hold a driver's licence bearing Class 6D.

To be issued this licence, you must:

- be at least 14 years of age;
- pass the driving course;
- pass the knowledge test;
- pass the vision test.

Important: If you already hold a passenger vehicle (Class 5) or motorcycle (Classes 6A, 6B or 6C) probationary or driver's licence, you are automatically authorized to drive a moped or scooter.

Mandatory driving course

To obtain Class 6D, you are required to pass the *Road Safety Education Program – Operating a Moped or Motorized Scooter* driving course given at a driving school recognized by the Association québécoise des transports (AQTr). This six-hour course includes a theoretical component and a practical component on a closed circuit. The course will teach you basic techniques to operate a moped or scooter and drive safely on the road.

Knowledge test

To take the knowledge and vision tests, you must make an appointment at a Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec service centre.

The knowledge test is made up of multiple choice questions covering the *Highway Safety Code*, road signs and traffic signals and moped and scooter driving techniques.

What to bring

- The *Consent of a Person Having Parental Authority* form (if you are under age 18)
- Two pieces of identification (Heath Insurance Card, birth certificate, passport, Canadian Citizenship Certificate, etc.)
- An attestation certifying that you passed the driving course
- Payment for your licence

What to study

- The *Driver's Handbook* (road signs, traffic signals and regulations)
- *Operating a Moped or Scooter* (driving techniques)

Passing mark: 75%

If you fail the test

You will have to wait 28 days before you can retake the test. You will then have to make another appointment.

Registering for the knowledge test

Online services

www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/saaqclie/en/public

Automated telephone services

In the Québec area: 418 643-5213

In the Montréal area: 514 873-5803

From elsewhere in Québec: 1 888 667-8687

Asphalt bites – wear the right clothing!

On a scooter, the only protection you can count on is your helmet and clothing. In the event of an accident or a fall, they help avoid or reduce the severity of injuries. It is important that you wear the right gear at all times, even in hot weather. Furthermore, wearing a helmet and clothing that are brightly coloured or equipped with reflective strips makes you more visible to other road users.

Head injuries are often the most serious. Wearing a helmet that meets standards is mandatory for scooter drivers and passengers. When correctly worn and fastened, a helmet can reduce the severity of head injuries and prevent death.

It is therefore recommended that you wear:

- a helmet that meets standards, with a visor or protective goggles;
- a vest or long pants made of leather or an anti-abrasive material, such as Kevlar or Cordura;
- leather gloves that cover the wrists;
- flat-heeled, anti-skid boots that cover the ankles.

The rules to obey

Zero alcohol and demerit points

- If you have fewer than 5 years of experience, you are subject to the zero-alcohol rule. You must also have fewer than 4 demerit points on your record.
- If you have 5 or more years of experience, you are subject to the zero alcohol rule until age 22, and the intermediate demerit point bracket until age 25 (under age 23: 8 points; ages 23 and 24: 12 points)

No passengers allowed until you are 16

If you are under age 16, you must ride your scooter alone. If you carry a passenger, you face a \$100 fine.

Modified scooter: prohibited!

A moped or scooter that has been modified to increase its power or maximum speed no longer meets the definition of a moped or scooter. Offending drivers are subject to the following penalties:

- A \$300 to \$600 fine
- Seizure and impoundment for 30 days

Documents to download and print

Written consent of a person having parental authority

www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/e_forms.

Family contract

A sample safety contract that allows you and your parents to specify your respective expectations and responsibilities

www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/publications/permis/contract_moped.pdf.

Information and useful links

Licence to drive a moped or scooter (Class 6D)

For more information:

www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/en/driver_licence/classes/class_6d.php.

Buyer's guide – motorcycle helmets and protective clothing

Your helmet and protective clothing must be chosen with care. For practical advice and information before you buy, read the buyer's guide:

www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/motoguide.

Buyer's guide – moped or scooter

Before buying your first moped or scooter, you need to consider several factors, because each type of moped or scooter has its advantages and disadvantages. To avoid making the wrong choice, read the technical and information guides:

www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/motoguide.

Association québécoise des transports (AQTr)

www.aqtr.qc.ca

For more information

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