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MOPEDS, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES

PURPOSE

This Fact Sheet provides the most accurate and up-to-date information necessary to operate and register mopeds, motor-driven cycles and motorcycles in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Specific definitions and criteria are listed below to assist in determining the proper procedures for operating the particular vehicle under question. Please note that the moped has a different license plate than the motor-driven cycle and the motorcycle.

Owners of these vehicles are required to acknowledge the Financial Responsibility Statement and provide insurance information. PennDOT refuses renewal or transfer of registration if the self-certification of financial responsibility is not completed on the registration application, as follows:

1. Name of the insurance company which is insuring the vehicle.
2. The policy number, effective date and expiration date of the insurance policy.

In addition, PennDOT does not title and register all-terrain vehicles (ATV). Application for title and registration for ATV type vehicles must be submitted to the Department of Conservation and National Resources, Snowmobile and ATV Licensing Unit, P.O. Box 8553, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8553.

MOPED

DEFINITION: A motor-driven cycle equipped with operable pedals, a motor rated no more than 1.5 brake horsepower, a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission, and a maximum design speed of no more than 25 miles per hour, or an electric motor-driven cycle equipped with operable pedals and powered by an electric battery.

- CRITERIA:
1. Engine may not exceed 50 cubic centimeters.
 2. Engine may not exceed 1.5 horsepower rating.
 3. Operable pedals required.
 4. Automatic transmission required.
 5. Design speed may not be more than 25 miles per hour.
 6. Does not require inspection.
 7. Moped plate issued.
 8. Annual registration fee is \$9.00.
 9. No helmet or eye protection required for driver.
 10. Class C required on Driver's License.

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MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE

DEFINITION: A motorcycle, including a motor scooter, with a motor which produces not to exceed 5 brake horsepower, and every pedalcycle with motor attached that exceeds 1.5 brake horsepower.

- CRITERIA:**
1. Horsepower is over 1.5 but not more than 5 brake horsepower.
 2. Design speed is more than 25 miles per hour.
 3. Inspection required.
 4. Motorcycle plate issued.
 5. Annual registration fee is \$9.00.
 6. Helmet and eye protection required for driver and rider.
 7. Class M or a Class M with a V restriction required on Driver's License.

MOTORCYCLE

DEFINITION: A motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

- CRITERIA:**
1. Horsepower is more than 5.0.
 2. Inspection required.
 3. Motorcycle plate issued.
 4. Helmet and eye protection required for driver and rider.
 5. Annual registration fee is \$18.00.
 6. Class M required on Driver's License.

NOTE: Side-cars for motorcycles and motorized pedalcycles are not titled in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.