

Transposition of the 3rd Driving Licence Directive in Sweden

The new progressive access rules for two wheeled vehicles



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Current status of transposition of the progressive access rules

- **Today**
AM, A1, A restricted, and A unrestricted
- **Planned to 2013** (work in progress)
Introducing of A2 instead of A restricted, which expires
- **From 2013** (no decisions yet)
AM – A1 – A2 - A



Driving licence category AM from October 1, 2009

- Age 15
- Learners permit including a health declaration
- Compulsory education; theoretical and practical exercises including driving in traffic. (Minimum time: 12 hours included 4 hours of practical training)
- Theory test (no driving test)
- Possibility to withdraw the driving licence



Special arrangements for mopeds with more than 2 wheels and special provisions for physically disabled persons who wish to ride mopeds

- Category AM is valid for mopeds with 3 or 4 wheels
- If the learners permit is restricted to vehicles with three or four wheels, such a vehicle can be used during the AM training (otherwise two-wheels)
- Physically disabled persons may have vehicle adaptation
- Licences granted for any other category shall be valid for vehicles in category AM



Are electric motor mopeds/quads becoming an issue?

- Electric motors are allowed (max 4 kW)
Other limitations are discussed, but nothing decided yet
- You can drive four-wheeled mopeds if you have a license for AM
But during the training you must have a two-wheeled moped, if your learners permit is not restricted to vehicles with three or four wheels.
- With such a restriction code on the licence, you are not allowed to drive two wheeled mopeds.

Special arrangements for motorcycles with more than 2 wheels (from 2013)

Discussions are ongoing (no decisions yet)

Sweden's current proposal is:

- B1 will not be introduced.
Category B, valid for motorcycles with 3 or 4 wheels (21 years for 3 wheels)
- Category A, valid for motorcycles with 2 or 3 wheels (today even 4-wheels if they are motorcycles)
 - 16 years for tricycles not exceeding 15 kW
 - 21 years for tricycles exceeding 15 kW
- Physically disabled persons may have vehicle adaptation



Training or testing on the qualifying event in progressive access? And what's the reason?

Sweden's current proposal is a practical test including driving in traffic (no decisions yet)

- Passing licensing tests is the traditional Swedish model how to achieve a driving licence (all categories)
- A driving test only is seen as enough for progressive access. This possibility is only for those who already have a license for a motorcycle in a lower category

A good driving test requires good training on the larger vehicle



No training route for the qualifying event in progressive access, but

We have recently (November 1, 2009) introduced **mandatory risk education for motorcyclists.**

At least 3 hours theoretical education and at least 4 hours practical education.

For progressive access to higher categories risk education will be mandatory, if such education is not completed for a lower category.



Direct access arrangements for category A (unrestricted)?

To day

- 21 years or older (theoretical and practical test)
- 20 years automatically if two years with an A restricted (No test)

2013

- 24 years or older (theoretical and practical test)
- 20 years if two years experience of A2 (Practical Test only)



Particular issues with the specifications for motorcycles used for the practical test?

- We will probably propose that the specifications for motorcycles will be introduced in line with the directive 2013.
- Probably we will adjust the specification for category A unrestricted already in 2011 (but still in line with the 2nd directive)

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