

The U.S. Army Field Band

Motorcycle Operator Requirements and Individual Responsibilities Agreement

The following agreement provides an outline of the safety requirements set forth in AR 385-10, para 13-16 and 13-17 on operating a motorcycle both on and off DoD installations. **Prior to operating a motorcycle, all Soldiers are required to:**

- Obtain/hold a valid driver's license with motorcycle endorsement
- Attend and graduate from an approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course
 - Basic Rider's Course (BRC) – certification valid for one year
 - Advanced Rider's Course (ARC) – complete within one year of the BRC. The ARC is valid for five years.
- Maintain valid and current registration and insurance for personal motorcycle

It is mandatory that all persons operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). PPE requirements are as follows:

- **Helmet** – Must be certified to meet both DOT standards and FMVSS 218 in the United States. The DOT symbol must be on the outside back of the helmet, near the bottom. The helmet must be properly fastened under the chin when worn. DoD requires helmet use even in states where helmets are not required by local traffic laws.
- **Eye Protection** – Must meet or exceed ANSI/ISEA Z87.1 for impact and shatter resistance (includes goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet)). A windshield or fairing does not constitute eye protection.
- **Foot Protection** – This includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type fabric athletic shoes that cover the ankles are acceptable).
- **Protective Clothing** – This includes a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material.

Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials (such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura®) and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged. Riders are encouraged to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.

I, _____, have read and understand the requirements of safe motorcycle operations. I acknowledge the Army's licensing, training, and PPE requirements as outlined in AR 385-10, para 13-16, 13-17, and this Motorcycle Operator Individual Requirements and Responsibilities Agreement. I understand that if I am injured while riding a motorcycle in violation of this policy, I may be found "Not-in-Line of Duty Due to Misconduct". Such a finding by an investigating officer can result in the loss of benefits, to include my right to free medical care, my right to disability pay, separation pay, or medical retirement from the service if my injuries make me no longer eligible for military service. I could also face forfeiture of many of my veteran's rights such as education benefits. In addition to the Army requirement for PPE, I acknowledge that my commander has given me a direct order to NEVER operate a motorcycle without PPE. My failure to comply with this order is punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This agreement will be part of my permanent training record, and I will abide by all installation and state motorcycle traffic laws.

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Commander's Signature and Date

Operator's Signature and Date