



Motorcycles, Motorbicycles and Bicycles with auxiliary motor – Definitions ¹⁾ (not including 14. FSG)

MOTORCYCLE (MOPED, § 2 (1) Zi 14 KFG ²⁾ small two-wheeled (category L1) – or more-wheeled (category L2) motorcycle; Directive (92/61/EEC)	
Design-speedlimit:	max. speed acc. to type: 45 km/h (raised from 40 to 45 km/h since 1 st July 1994, 17 th amendment of the KFG (BGBl. ³⁾ 654/1994)
Cubic capacity:	max. 50 ccm
Driving licence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - since 1st July 1991: „moped card“ (8 hours theoretical education) or any other driving licence is required for all drivers who are younger than 25 years - since 1st September 2009 a “moped card” (6 hours theoretical education, 6 hours practical lessons and 2 hours practical lessons on public road) or any other driving licences is required – regardless of age; 12th amendment of FSG ⁴⁾ (BGBl. 93/2009 1st part)
Minimum age:	16
Helmet:	15 approval of parents or guardians necessary compulsory
SMALL MOTORCYCLE, § 2 (1) Zi 15 a KFG (two-wheeled motorcycle)	
Cubic capacity:	max. 50 ccm
Power:	max. 11 kW (see also § 54a (5) KDV) ⁵⁾
Driving licence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - until 31st October 1997; category AK, AL or A; - since 1st January 1992 with a 2 years' probation - since 1st November 1997 acc. to the FSG no separate category of licence; the existing permits stay valid
Minimum age:	16
Helmet:	compulsory
LIGHTWEIGHT MOTORCYCLE, § 2 (1) Zi 15 b KFG (Motorcycle or Motorcycle with sidocar)	
introduced since 1 st July 1991 by the 13 th amendment of the KFG (BGBl. 458/1990); adapted 20 th August 1997 by the 19 th amendment of the KFG (BGBl. Nr. 103/1997 1 st part) to the stipulations of the 2 nd Directive on driving licences 91/439/EEC)	
Power:	max. 25 kW
LMC-weight:	The relation power/empty weight must not exceed 0,16 kW/kg.
Driving licence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - until 31st October 1997: category AL or A, - since 1st January 1992 with a 2 years' probation; - since 1st November 1997 acc. to FSG; preliminary stage A (2 years' probation). <p>During 2 years the category A permit is restricted to the preliminary stage A (§ 18 (1) FSG). After this period (i.e. with 20 at the earliest), the driving licence applies to the whole category A (Attention: probation starts again; see “heavy motorcycles”).</p>
Minimum age:	18
Helmet:	compulsory
„A1-125er“ MOTORCYCLE	
(introduced 1 st November 1997 by the FSG (§ 2 (1) Zi 2c)	
Cubic capacity:	max. 125 ccm
Power:	max. 11 kW
Driving licence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - category A or preliminary stage A (2 years' probation in both cases) or - at least 5 years of category B, probation completed, requires evidence of 6 hours of practical driving exercises (§ 7 FSG – implementing order, BGBl. 320/1997 2nd part) in driving schools or associations of motor vehicle owners who are members of the advisory board on motor vehicles to the minister of transport.
Minimum age:	18 or 23 respectively (category B (18+5))
Helmet:	compulsory
„heavy“ MOTORCYCLE, § 2 (1) Zi 15 KFG (two-wheeled motorcycle– category L3; Directive 92/61/EEC)	
Cubic capacity:	more than 50 ccm
net weight:	not more than 400 kg
Driving licence:	„gradual licence“ category A; since 1 st January 1992 with 2 years' probation
Minimum age:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - until 31st October 1997; 24 (direct access) or - 20 (licence for lightweight motorcycles from 18 up plus 2 years and a new practical examination on the motorcycle. - Since 1st November 1997 acc. to FSG; 21 (direct access; 2 years' probation or - 20 (licence for lightweight motorcycles from 18 up plus 2 years without new examination, but not earlier than upon completion of the 2 years' probation for lightweight motorcycles, after obtaining unrestricted A-licence the 2 years' probation starts again, unless the holder of the licence has also a category B licence and has completed the corresponding 2 years'.
Helmet:	compulsory
BICYCLE WITH AUXILIARY MOTOR; NO MOTOR VEHICLE! (§ 1 (2a) KFG)	
Introduced since 24 th August 1994 by the 17 th amendment of the KFG (BGBl. 654/1994); from this date on, two heeled vehicles of the following specifications are no longer considered motor vehicles but bicycles for the purposes of the traffic regulations of 1960 and modified as from 19 th August 2009 by 30 th amendment to the KFG (BGBl. 94/2009) as follows:	
Design-speedlimit:	max. 25 km/h
Power:	max. 600 Watt
Helmet:	not compulsory

1) other technical specifications see KDV § 54a (Implementing order to the KFG)

2) KFG = Law on motor vehicles

3) BGBl. = Federal Law Gazette

4) FSG = Law on driving licences

5) KDV = Implementing order to the law on motor vehicles