

Survey: should car drivers be allowed to ride a light motorcycle?



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In some European countries, car licence holders (B licence) are allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle, a motorcycle of 125cc. FEMA conducted a small on-line survey to find out how European riders think about this.

The survey opened on 10 December 2019 and closed on 8 January 2020. In total 2,875 persons responded to the survey. This report shows the results of the survey.

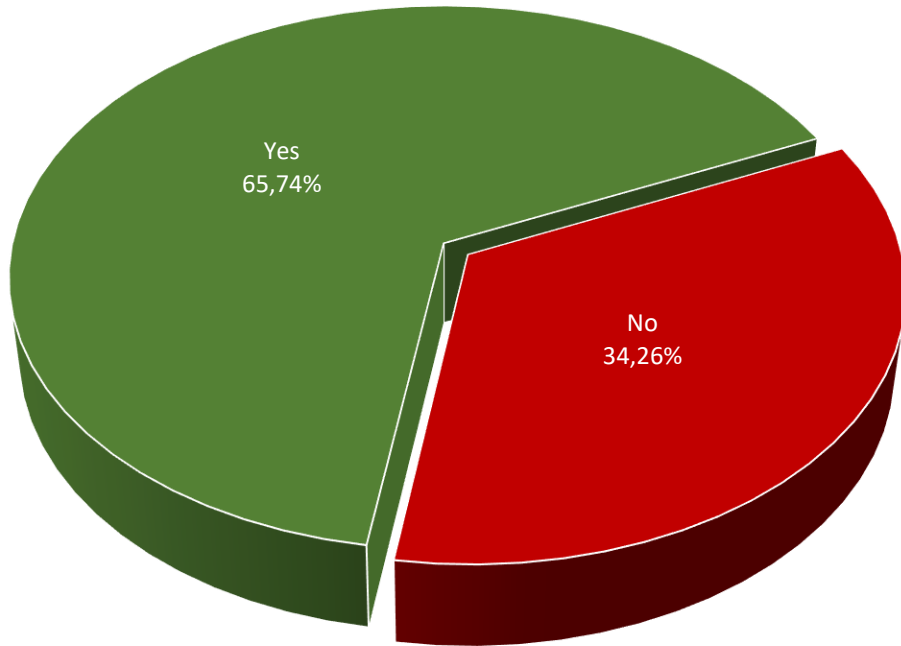
A1 motorcycles are bikes with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimetres (7.6 cu in) and a power not exceeding 11 kilowatts (15 hp); and motor tricycles with a power not exceeding 15 kilowatts (20 hp).

An A1 licence can (in most countries) be obtained from the age of 16 years (17 years in the UK, 18 years in Denmark, Greece, Belgium and the Netherlands).

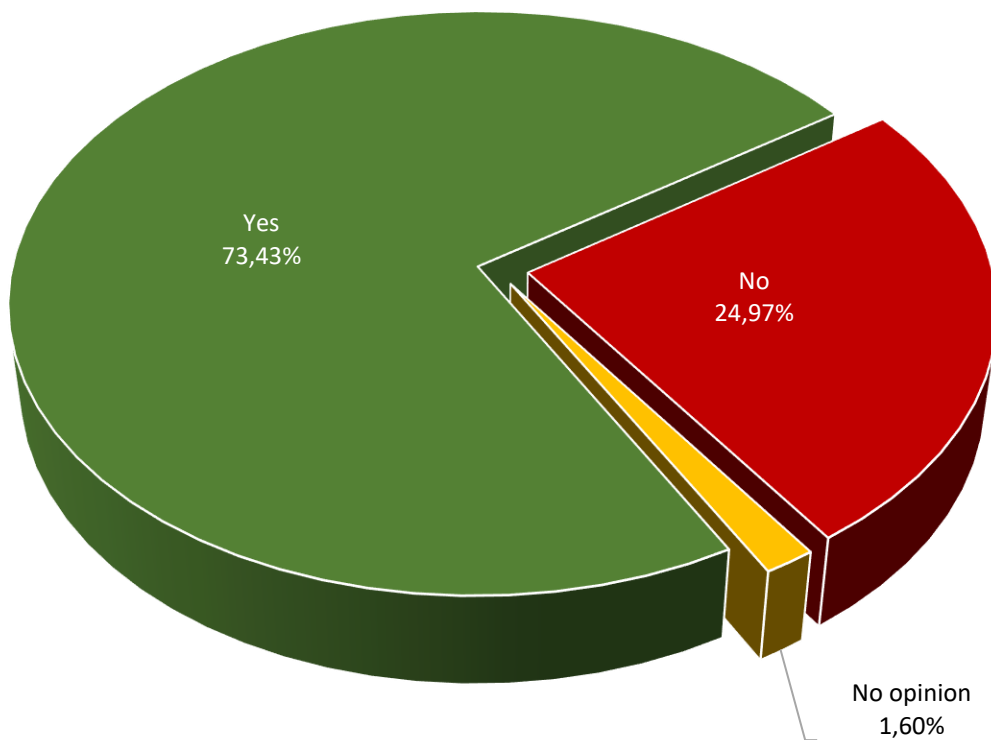
B licence holders in the following countries are allowed to drive A1 motorcycles within their own country (source: Wikipedia):

- 🏍️ Czech Republic (only motorcycles with automatic transmission)
- 🏍️ Germany (to be introduced, after completing 9 driving school units of 90 minutes)
- 🏍️ Italy (after a training of 10 hours)
- 🏍️ Latvia (after a training of 10 hours)
- 🏍️ Malta (after a training of 10 hours)
- 🏍️ Slovakia (after two years and only motorcycles with automatic transmission)
- 🏍️ Spain (after three years)
- 🏍️ Poland (after three years)
- 🏍️ Portugal (at least 25 years old or additional licence for mopeds)
- 🏍️ Belgium (only with a Belgian Driving Licence, after two years)
- 🏍️ Austria (after five years, training of 6 hours)
- 🏍️ France (after two years, a training of 7 hours)
- 🏍️ Luxembourg (after two years, training of 7 hours)
- 🏍️ United Kingdom (Compulsory Basic Training), a practical training without exam is needed

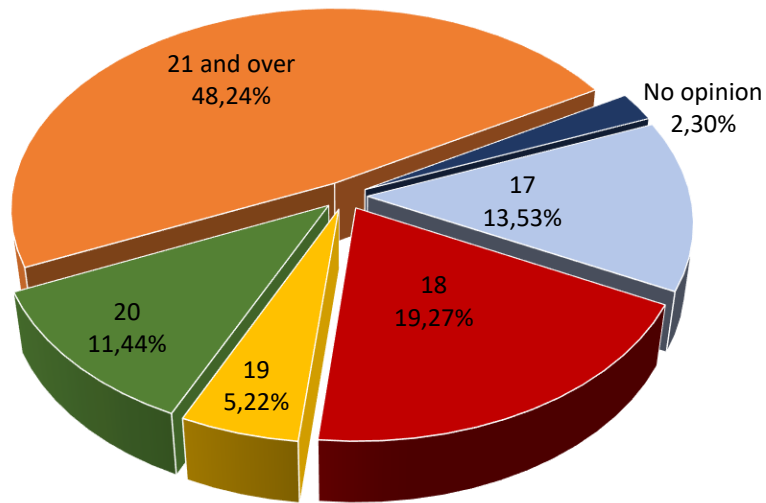
Should European B licence holders be allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle?



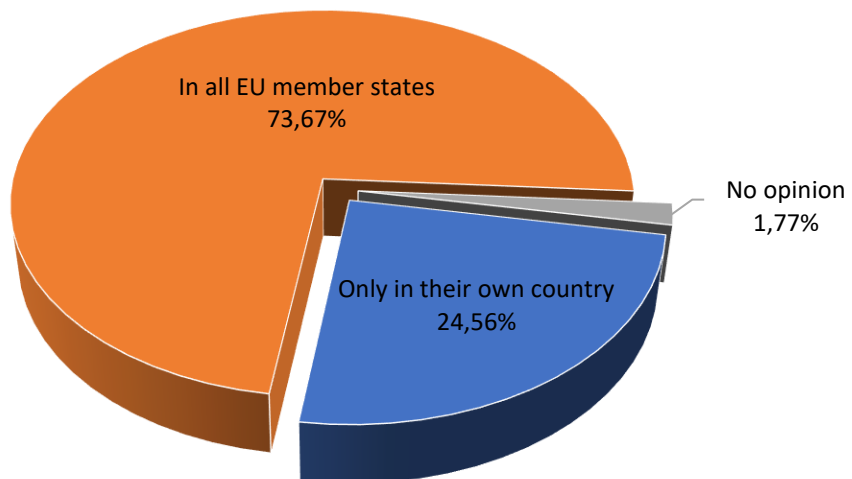
If B licence holders are allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle, should they take motorcycle lessons before getting the A1 licence?



If B licence holders are allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle, from what age should they be allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle?



If B licence holders are allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle, should the A1 licence be valid in their own country or in all European member states?



If B licence holders are allowed to ride an A1 motorcycle, at least how many years of car driving experience should they have?

