

MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECREATIONAL OFF-DUTY SAFETY
MANUAL COMDTINST M5100.5 (SERIES)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

1. COMDTINST M5100.5 (Series), Chapter 3.J.6.e states: Long-sleeve shirt or motorcycle jacket and pants appropriate for motorcycle riding and should be constructed of abrasion resistant material such as leather, Kevlar, and/or Cordura and containing impact absorbing padding. Visibilities of retro-reflective materials are important considerations when selecting protective clothing and helmets. Short sleeve shirts, tank tops and shorts are not authorized. This policy does not require members to wear long sleeve shirts or pants specifically made of Kevlar, and/or Cordura and containing impact absorbing padding but to encourage them to choose good motorcycle riding apparel. Members may continue to wear long sleeve shirts and long pants such as jeans while riding. Members are not required to purchase motorcycle specific long sleeve shirts, pants or jackets.
2. COMDTINST M5100.5 (Series), Chapter 4.b.5 states: Refresher training shall be completed every five years or following the purchase or changing the size and type of motorcycle. Commanding Officers and Officers-in-Charge shall confirm periodically, that personnel within their command have completed this training at least once every five years. Continued follow-up by the command Motor Vehicle Safety Coordinator to ensure all riders have been identified and notified of this requirement is imperative. After further review, the policy will be re-written to the following: Refresher training shall be completed every five years. Refresher training is recommended each time a member changes the size and/or type of motorcycle they ride. Commanding Officers and Officers-in-Charge shall confirm periodically, that personnel within their command have completed this training at least once every five years. Continued follow-up by the command Motor Vehicle Safety Coordinator to ensure all riders have been identified and notified of this requirement is imperative. This change will be incorporated into change 1 of COMDTINST M5100.5 (Series).

3. COMDTINST M5100.5 (Series), Chapter 4.b.5.a states: Coast Guard military members whose training exceeds five years shall, within 12 months, complete a refresher course to become compliant with this requirement. To clarify, members whose training exceeds five years have 12 months from the signing of this manual, June 20, 2012, to complete a refresher course and become compliant with this policy.
4. Many members have asked the question: What training is acceptable to meet the five year refresher training requirement? Acceptable motorcycle training is as follows: Any motorcycle course that provides a certificate of completion to include all training offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), Team Oregon, and Idaho Star. Additionally, racing schools and specialty courses such as Lee Parks Total Control or police motorcycle training are considered advanced training and will be accepted as long as they provide a certificate of completion. Members who attend racing or specialty training and show a certificate of completion shall have their training recorded as advanced training within Direct Access. Funding for refresher training will only be provided for training authorized under the Coast Guards Motorcycle Safety Training Reimbursement Program. Motorcycle Safety Training Reimbursement information can be found at [https://cgportal.uscg.mil/delivery/Satellite/HSWL/MOTORCYCLES SAFETY](https://cgportal.uscg.mil/delivery/Satellite/HSWL/MOTORCYCLES%20SAFETY). Online training will not be accepted as refresher training. Members must take a classroom/range based training class.
5. COMDTINST M5100.5 (Series), Enclosure 2, Motorcycle Training Verification and Policy Brief, give commands a tool to verify a riders training and to inform them of Commandant Policy. In the attachment there is a list of PPE requirements that the members agree to follow. Currently line 5 states: Motorcycle jacket and pants made of abrasion resistant material. This sentence conflicts with what is written in Chapter 3.J.6.e. Line 5 will be re-written as follows: Long sleeve shirts or Jackets and long pants. This change will be incorporated into change 1 of COMDTINST M5100.5 (Series),