



# Getting your Motorcycle Licence



## The practical riding assessment

When you are ready to do your practical riding assessment, call DVS or visit the DoT website to book a test time.

You can do the practical assessment for a moped once you have reached 16 years of age. The earliest you can do the practical assessment for an R-E class vehicle is when you are at least 16 years and six months of age.

All assessments must be conducted on a motorcycle that meets the minimum vehicle assessment standards for the relevant class. They are:

Vehicle Class	Minimum vehicle standard
R-N	a motorcycle that: (a) is designed so as not to be capable of a speed exceeding 50 km/h; (b) and either (i) has an engine capacity not exceeding 50 cc; or (ii) is not powered by a piston engine, whether or not it is also capable of being propelled by pedaling, but does not include a power assisted pedal cycle
R-E	Smaller motorcycle or scooter. A LAMS approved motorcycle listed in the publication 'LAMS Approved Motorcycles' list published on the Department of Transport website at: <a href="http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/lams">www.transport.wa.gov.au/lams</a> .
R	Motorcycle or larger scooter. Motorcycles with a power-to-weight ratio exceeding 150 kw/t or an engine capacity exceeding 660 cc (with automatic or manual transmission).

If your assessment is conducted on a motorcycle with automatic transmission, your licence will be endorsed to restrict you to riding automatic motorcycles only.

You must wear appropriate attire that consists of enclosed footwear, approved helmet, long trousers and jacket. Gloves and eye protection are also highly recommended.

The practical assessment will determine your general riding ability. This may include such tasks as your ability to perform an emergency stop under full control without locking either wheel.

You may also have to show that you can balance the machine at low speeds and demonstrate your ability to correctly park and start on a hill. Applicants who fail must re-book and pay for another assessment.

## Once you have passed

Once you pass the practical assessment, your result will be recorded at a DVS centre or DVS agent.

If you have just passed your R-N practical, you will be granted a provisional driver's licence authorising you to ride R-N class vehicles only. If you have just passed your R-E practical assessment and this is the **only** class of vehicle that you have applied for the authorisation to drive (other than an R-N class), you will need to:

- record a minimum of 25 supervised riding hours in the *Post PDA* log book over a six month period; and
- pass a hazard perception test. If you were granted your learner's permit on or after 30 June 2008, you must wait six months after passing your practical assessment before undertaking a hazard perception test.

Once you have met these requirements, you can be granted a provisional driver's licence that authorises you to ride R-E class vehicles at 17 years of age.

If you already hold a WA driver's licence (not a learner's permit), and you have just passed the practical test for your R-E or R class, your licence record will simply be amended to include the new class of vehicle you are authorised to drive. If your current driver's licence is not due for renewal, it is advisable to pay for a replacement licence so that your plastic driver's licence document shows your new authorisation.

## For more information

For more information please contact us.

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## Motorcycle classification and restrictions

If you want to ride a moped or motorcycle, you must hold a driver's licence that authorises you to ride this class of vehicle. There is one class of vehicle and two restrictions relating to motorcycles. They are:

Vehicle Class	What you can ride	Riding lessons - Eligibility requirements	Class - Eligibility requirements	Other classes covered
R-N R class with an N restriction	A motorcycle that: (a) is designed so as not to be capable of a speed exceeding 50 km/h; (b) and either (i) has an engine capacity not exceeding 50 cc; or (ii) is not powered by a piston engine, whether or not it is also capable of being propelled by pedalling, but does not include a power assisted pedal cycle.	Minimum age 15 years 6 months. Must complete initial driver's licence application process (including passing motorcycle theory test).	Minimum age 16 years	Nil
R-E R class with an E restriction	Smaller motorcycle or scooter. A LAMS approved motorcycle listed in the publication 'LAMS Approved Motorcycles' list published on the Department of Transport website at <a href="http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/lams">www.transport.wa.gov.au/lams</a>	Minimum age 16 years. Must pass motorcycle theory test. Must complete initial driver's licence application process (including passing motorcycle theory test) if this is the first class of driver's licence applied for.	Minimum age 17 years.	R-N
R	Motorcycle or larger scooter. Motorcycles with a power-to-weight ratio exceeding 150 kw/t or an engine capacity exceeding 660 cc (with automatic or manual transmission).	Must hold R-E class	Must have held R-E class for at least one year.	R-E and R-N

## When can I apply?

You can apply for an R-N learner's permit at 15 years and 6 months of age or an R-E learner's permit at 16 years of age. If you have not previously held a driver's licence, you must follow the same procedures for someone getting their licence for the first time. This will include passing a motorcycle theory test and practical riding assessment. More information is available in the *Getting Your Driver's Licence* brochure.

If you already hold a Western Australia (WA) driver's licence (not a learner's permit) this automatically authorises you to ride a moped. You can apply for the authorisation to ride an R class vehicle once you hold a licence authorising you to ride an R-E class vehicle. However, you cannot sit the practical riding assessment for an R class vehicle until you have held the authorisation to ride R-E class vehicles for at least one year.

## The motorcycle theory test

You will need to sit a motorcycle theory test if you are applying for the authorisation to ride an R-N or R-E class vehicle. This test consists of 35 multiple-choice questions specific to motorcycling and safe riding practices, in addition to general road rules and traffic regulation questions. A sample quiz is available on the Department of Transport (DoT) website.

You can study for this test by reading the *Ride Safe* book available from Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) centres and DVS agents, by calling DVS or online on the DoT website.

## Application to remove a motorcycle restriction

You can apply for the authorisation to remove a motorcycle restriction at any DVS centre or DVS agent. Contact DVS or visit the DoT website for your nearest location.

When making an application, you must:

- Complete an application form
- Pass an eyesight test
- Provide sufficient proof of identity (POI). At least one of the documents must include your signature. All documents presented must be original copies.

If you have not previously held a WA driver's licence you will need to provide a combination of identification documents before you can be granted a WA driver's licence.

More information on POI requirements can be located online on the DoT website or by contacting DVS.

## Paying an application fee

Current fees can be located online at the DoT website or by calling DVS. When you have completed all of these requirements, you can begin your riding lessons.

## Learning to ride a motorcycle

You can have riding lessons with:

- a licensed riding instructor who is authorised to ride the same or higher class of motorcycle for which you are applying; or
- a person who holds a current driver's licence and has held for at least four years the authorisation to ride the class of motorcycle (or higher) that you are applying for; or
- in the case of a moped, a person who has held the authorisation to ride an R-N or drive a C class vehicle for at least two years.

Your tutor must accompany you at all times either as a pillion passenger, in a sidecar or on another motorcycle.

If you are applying for the authorisation to ride an R-E class vehicle, you must always ride a LAMS approved motorcycle listed in the publication 'LAMS Approved Motorcycles' list published on the DoT website.

If this is the only class of vehicle that you have applied for the authorisation to drive (other than an R-N class), you will be issued with a log book and will need to:

- record a minimum of 25 supervised riding hours in the *Pre PDA* log book over a six month period prior to sitting the practical assessment.

As a learner you must always display 'L' plates and comply with any other relevant conditions.

