

Information sheet 2016

To get a motorcycle (including motor scooters) learner licence in Tasmania you'll need to successfully complete a two-day course. This course is designed to prepare riders for riding on the road.

You'll receive coaching in safe riding techniques and be progressively trained and assessed. The training is held at an off-road training centre. There will be two assessments involving on and off road at the end of Day two.

Course outline:

Day one

Day one of the course covers:

- basic riding skills including how to use the controls, mirrors, brakes and gears;
- how to get moving, stop, turn and change gears;
- a discussion on the unique aspects of motorcycling;
- an introduction to road-craft tactics;
- what to look for when buying riding gear; and
- motorcycle knowledge assessment.

Day two

Day two of the course covers:

- Slow speed manoeuvring skills;
- Steering and cornering;
- Emergency braking;
- Strategies for safe riding;
- A simulated road ride (off-road assessment on the training pad); and
- An on-road assessment.

On-road assessment

Before you ride on-road you'll need to show that you have good control of the motorcycle by repeating some riding exercises that you've learnt over the course.

The on-road component is a 'real world' assessment on safe riding behaviours. The riding instructor will take you out in a group to a pre-determined area to assess your ability to manage your motorcycle and understanding of the road rules. During the assessment, you will take turns to lead the group (including your instructor) through the route.

You'll be familiarised with the route prior to leading. Please note: It is not a navigational exercise, so if you get lost, you will not be penalised.