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## Rider Safe Course

Rider Safe is a Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure compulsory motorcycle rider training course for all novice motorcyclists which teaches the basic and advanced motorcycle skills necessary on the road.

The Rider Safe course is run by experienced motorcyclists who have undergone specialised instructor training.

The course also provides the opportunity to determine your riding aptitude before purchasing a motorcycle.

### Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme

From 14 November 2005 R-date licence holders (learners and riders with less than 12 months experience) are restricted to riding motorcycles that have an engine capacity of up to 660ml with a power-to-weight ratio of 150kw/t. Holders of a R-date licence issued before 14 November 2005 can ride motorcycles with an engine capacity up to 250ml or those approved under the [Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme](#).

The Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure provides the following list of approved motorcycles that can be ridden by holders of a learner's permit or R-date licence.

[Download](#) the approved list of Motorcycles.

#### Eligible Motorcycles in the category 0-260ml

All models with the exception of:

Make	Model
Suzuki	RGV250
Kawasaki	KR250 (KR-1 and KR1s models)
Honda	NSR250
Yamaha	TZR250
Aprilia	RS250

#### Eligible Motorcycles in the category 261-660ml

Make	Model
AJS	Model 18 Model 30
Aprilia	Moto 6.5 Pegaso 650 Pegaso 650 I.E.
Ariel	Huntmaster Red Hunter 350 Red Hunter 500
Benelli	Velvet 400
Bultaco	Sherpa
BMW	F650 F650CS F650G F650GS F650ST R50 R60 R60/5 R60/6 R65 R69

BSA	B33 B50SS Gold Star Empire Star Gold Star post-war 350 singles Golden Flash	Lightning M24 Gold Star Spitfire MKIII Thunderbolt
Cagiva	410TE 610TE 610TE-E Canyon 500	Canyon 600 River 600 W16 600
Cossack	650	
Dneper	K650	
Douglas	Post-war 350	
Ducati	400 SS Junior DM450 DM500	M620ie (24kw Lite) SL 500 Pantah SL 600 Pantah
Enfield	Bullet Deluxe Bullet STD Taurus	
Gasgas	EC400 FSE400 SM400 Supermotard	
Harley	SS350	
Honda	600V Transalp Bros CB35 CB350F CB400 CB400F CB400N CB400T CB500 CF450 CX500 Deauville NX650 FT500 Revere RVF400 Shadow	Silverwing SL350 VF400F VT500 VT600C XBR500 XL350 XL500 XL600 XL650 Transalp XR350 XR350R XR400R XR500 XR600 XR600R XR650L
Husaberg	FE(Enduro)4E8 FE(Enduro)5E8 FE(Enduro)7E8 FE400 FE450 FE501	FE550 FE600 FE650 FS450 FS650
Husqvarna	350TE 400TE 410TE 430WR	510TE 610TE 610TE-E
Hyosung	Comet GT650L	
Jawa	350	
Kawasaki	EN450 ER500A ER500C EX400 EX500A KL600 KL650A KL650B KL650C KLE500A KLX300B LX400B	KLX650B KLX650C KZ400 KZ440 KZ500 KZ550 LTD440 Z600A Z650B ZR550B Z500

KTM	EXC Series 300 EXC Series 360 EXC Series 380 EXC Series 400 EXC Series 510 EXC Series 525 GS Series 300 GS Series 400 GS Series 450 GS Series 500	GS Series 550 GS Series 600 LC4 Series 300 LC4 Series 400 LC4 Series 500 LC4 Series 540 LC4 Series 550 LC4 Series 600 LC4 Series 625 LC4 Series 650
Matchless	600 650 G80 Major	
Montesa	Cota	
Moto Guzzi	V35 V50 V65	
Moto Morini	350 Sport 500 Strada 500W	
MuZ	Baghira 660 Scorpion Replica Skorpion Sport Skorpion Tour	
MV Agusta	350	
Norton	Model 50 Dominator Model 88 Dominator Model 90 ES2	
Panther	600 650	
Piaggio	X9 500	
Royal Enfield	650 Bullet 500 Lightning 500 Bullet 350 Diesel 324	
Rudge-Whitworth	650	
Suzuki	AN650 DR350 DR350S R500 DR600R DR650R DR650RE DR650RL DR650RSL DR650SE DR-Z400E GR650	GS450E GS450S GS450SX GS500 GS500E GS500K GS550 GSX400E GSX400F LS650 RE5 XF650
TM	300 Enduro TM300 TM400	
Triumph	Bonneville 650 Speed Twin T100 Tiger T100R Daytona 500	Thunderbird 650 Trophy 500 Trophy 650 TRW25
	Note: Only includes models manufactured up to and including 1983	
Ural	650	
Velocette	MAC 350 MSS 500 Venom	
VOR	400 Enduro 450 Enduro 500 Enduro 530 Enduro	

Yamaha	RD400 RT350 SR500 SRX600 SZR660 TT350 TT600 TT600E TT600R TX650 WR400F WR426F WR450 XJ550 XJ650 XJR400	XP500 XS400 XS650 XT225 XT350 XT550 XT600 XT660R XT660X XTZ660 XV535 XVS650 XVS650A XZ550 YP400
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More information is available from

- [Obtaining your motorbike licence](#)
- Any [Customer Service Centre](#)
- Freecall 1800 018 300 .  
(Bookings between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday information available 24 hours a day, 7 days)

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