



Obtaining Your Motorcycle Licence

Staying safe on the road is important for all road users, however motorcycle riders are more vulnerable because they have less protection than other motorists.

The Road Safety Centre offers a free road safety session for people wishing to obtain or who have recently obtained their motorcycle learner's permit.

Applying for a motorcycle learner's permit:

- you must be aged 16 years or older
- you must pass a theory test at Service SA or hold a driver's licence
- you must pass the basic rider safe course (you must have a current driver's licence or learner's permit to get on to this course; if not, you must pass a theory test)
- you must present an endorsed 'Approval to obtain a learner's permit' certificate to Service SA.

Once you have obtained your learner's permit, you are required to:

- ride a learner approved motorcycle
- display an L plate
- carry your learner's permit at all times
- not ride with any concentration of alcohol/drugs in your blood
- not exceed the speed limit by 10km/h or more
- not exceed 100km/h at any time
- not ride with pillion passengers (unless they are a qualified supervising driver)
- not use any function of a mobile phone
- not lane filter
- not accumulate four or more demerit points.

If you are under 25 years of age, you must not ride:

- between midnight and 5.00 am
unless a qualified supervising driver is a pillion passenger that holds an unconditional motorcycle licence or you meet the exemption criteria.

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The process of graduating from a learner's permit to an R-Date licence:

- must be aged 17 years or older
- must pass the advanced rider safe course (if you do not hold a driver's licence you must have held your learner's permit for at least 12 months, or 6 months if you are over 25, and pass the Hazard Perception Test)
- must present a certificate of competency to Service SA.

The process of graduating from an R-Date licence to R-Class licence:

- must be aged 18 years or older
- held an R-Date licence for 12 months.

You do not need to apply to have the class of licence upgraded to an R-Class. Once the eligibility date on your R-Date class licence has lapsed, you can ride a motorcycle of any power to weight ratio.

If you are the holder of a P1 or P2 licence:

- you must comply with those conditions when riding a motorcycle.

The SA Police Road Safety Centre is a leader in road safety education, playing a vital role in reducing road trauma through enhancing the awareness, knowledge and skills of all road users through lifelong learning. For more information on our range of programs visit www.police.sa.gov.au/road-safety or use the QR code below to take you straight to SAPOL's road safety page. To book a FREE road safety session email SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au

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