



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 18 years or older, unless you are:
 - 17 years of age and hold a provisional licence for another class of vehicle; or
 - 16 or 17 years of age and you live in a "prescribed locality". You will be eligible for a restricted learner's permit and must only ride for the following purposes:
 - to attend tertiary education, vocational education or training, or within the course of tertiary education, vocational education or training.
 - for work purposes; or
 - to participate in a sporting activity.
- you must pass a theory test or hold a driver's licence
- you must pass the basic rider safe course
- 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 10 km/h or more
- not exceed 100 km/h at any time
- not ride with pillion passengers
- not tow any vehicle
- not use any function of a mobile phone
- not lane filter
- not accumulate four or more demerit points.

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

- between midnight and 5.00 am unless you meet the exemption criteria.

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

- you must hold a learner's permit for a minimum of 12 months
- you must be aged 19 years or older
- if you do not already hold a driver's licence or a car learner's permit, you must pass the Hazard Perception Test
- you must pass the advanced rider safe course
- you must present a certificate of competency to Service SA.

Once you have obtained your R-Date licence, you are required to:

- not ride with any concentration of alcohol/drugs in your blood
- if you do not already hold a full licence for another class of licence, you must comply with provisional licence conditions and rules.

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

- held an R-Date licence for two years.

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.

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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