

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Compulsory Motorcycle Training

Compulsory Training for motorcycle provisional licence holders is a **legal requirement** and failure to undertake a course (or repeat course on renewal) may invalidate your driving licence and insurance.

First provisional motorcycle licence

Once you have been issued with a provisional motorcycle licence, **you must not** drive or ride your motorcycle on a public highway until you have successfully completed a Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) course operated by the Guernsey Motorcycle Training Scheme (GMTS) or any other approved training body authored by Driver and Vehicle Licensing.

Only once you hold a certificate of completion are you permitted to ride unsupervised on the public highway displaying 'L' Plates.

Renewing a motorcycle licence category

You must renew your provisional motorcycle licence within the period one month prior to the expiry of your licence. Licences that have expired cannot be renewed and you will have to wait a period of one year before you are able to reapply for that category.

In order to renew, **you must** hold a valid certificate of completion of a motorcycle training course covering that category. This may be a Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) course or Direct Access (DA) course.

After renewing your licence you will need to undertake a repeat training course. (See details below)

Repeat Training (“Direct Access”) Course

After renewing an existing category of provisional motorcycle licence, you may continue to drive or ride your motorcycle on the public highway for one month from the start date of your new licence (*See example below*). However, **you must** undertake a repeat motorcycle training course (“Direct Access”) within this first month of the renewed licence to validate it, unless you are exempt.

Example: *If your licence is due to expire on 30th March, you can only renew the licence between 1st March and 30th March. Your new provisional licence will be valid from 30th March. Unless exempt, you would then have to take a repeat training course between 30th March and 29th April in order to validate the licence.*

This is a legal requirement and failure to complete the repeat training course will **invalidate your provisional driving licence**. You will then have to wait until the licence expires and then wait a further 12 months before renewing your licence in the same category. However, you would be able to apply for a motorcycle licence in a different category.

Adding a new motorcycle licence category

If you upgrade your existing category of motorcycle licence to a higher category you will need to complete a training course before using the new category of motorcycle on the roads. If you have previous motorcycling experience you may only need to complete the Direct Access training course.

If you have held a full category A1 licence for at least twelve months and wish to upgrade to a category A licence, you do not need to undertake any additional training.

Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) and Direct Access (DA) course information

Details of the training courses, associated fees and bookings can be made via the Guernsey Motorcycle Training Scheme website <https://gmts.gg/>. Alternatively, GMTS may also be contacted on Tel. 257679 (please leave a message) or by emailing at admin@gmts.gg.

When attending either course you must:

- Demonstrate that you are able to meet the minimum eyesight requirements of being able to read a vehicle number plate from 22.5 metres;
- Present your valid provisional driving licence, a certificate of third-party insurance and have the necessary fee;
- Have a motorcycle that is in a roadworthy condition and is carrying a legally sized “L” plate at the front and rear;
- Have a riding helmet that conforms to BSI 6658-85/ECE 2205 and be wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

Compulsory Basic Training (two sessions)

Your motorcycle will need to be delivered direct to the course centre. If you purchased your motorcycle from a dealer, they may be happy to make the necessary arrangements for this.

If you are the holder of a provisional category A licence and have no previous motorcycling experience, then you will not be permitted to undertake your training on a motorcycle with an engine exceeding 300cc. You will need to make your own arrangements to undertake the training with an appropriate motorcycle.

You must hold the relevant licence category for the type of a motorcycle you are riding. For example, a rider that only has a category A1 listed on their provisional licence is not permitted to ride a 50cc motorcycle that fits within a category P.

For safety reasons, and because some motorcycles/mopeds are not representative of their class, they cannot be used for the course. These include (but are not limited to) 'Thumps', the Honda 'Monkey Bike' and the Funtech 50 Scootcar.

A list of frequently asked questions about Compulsory Basic Training can be found in the download section of: <https://gov.gg/drivinglicence>.

Direct Access (one session)

Direct Access is a shortened course, which lasts approximately two hours. You will only qualify for a Direct Access course if you can satisfy the instructor (through discussion and practical demonstration) that you have sufficient proficiency, competency and previous experience **and** if you satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Have carried out a full CBT within the last 5 years
- Have previously carried out a full CBT course and have held a valid provisional or full motorcycle licence within the last 5 years and ridden during this period.

For all the above criteria, the experience must have been gained on a geared motorcycle if you wish to ride a geared motorcycle. If you have only had previous experience of riding an automatic motorcycle you will be required to carry out the full CBT course if you wish to ride a geared motorcycle.