

# NICK'S MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

ACHIEVING EXPERIENCE SAFELY

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## MOTORCYCLE TRAINING IN A NUTSHELL

There is a minefield of information available regarding the training required to legally ride a motorcycle in the UK. I have endeavored to condense it into a very basic guide to make sense of it all. I do have more in depth information on my website, just browse at [www.nicksmctraining.co.uk](http://www.nicksmctraining.co.uk)! You can also call me (Nick) on 07788714216 or email at [info@nicksmctraining.co.uk](mailto:info@nicksmctraining.co.uk)

**CBT - Compulsory Basic Training.**

What is it? Exactly what it says.

**COMPULSORY** - Anybody wishing to ride a moped or motorcycle up to 125cc is required to take it. At the end of the course (generally a day) you will receive a CBT Certificate which will validate the provisional motorcycle entitlement of your licence. This is valid for 2 years.

**BASIC** - Provides hands on basic riding and road craft skills over several hours off road ending up with a minimum 2 hour on road session.

**TRAINING** - Not a test! Day of instruction partly spent off road carrying out basic manoeuvres. If you have difficulty with any aspect then it is our job to help you overcome it. We have incredible amounts of patience so don't worry!

### MOPED LICENCE AM 50CC (16+ YEARS)

At 16 and after first taking CBT you will be able to ride a moped (note that the licence category will change from P to AM) on "L" plates. In the unlikely event that anyone chooses to gain a full moped licence you will need to take the theory test and CBT.

### A1 MOTORCYCLE LICENCE 125CC (17+ YEARS)

At 17 you will be able to take the motorcycle test (after first taking the CBT and passing the theory test) on a machine no more than 125cc with a power output not exceeding 11KW (14.6bhp) capable of a speed of at least 55Mph. This will get you an A1 licence which will allow you to ride a similar machine to the one the test passed on (in other words a 14.6bhp 125cc motorcycle).

### A2 MOTORCYCLE LICENCE 245CC+ (19+ YEARS)

After 2 years if you already hold an A1 licence, or if you are 19 and have a provisional licence, CBT and theory test pass, you can take the test again on a

machine of at least 245cc with an engine power of at least 20KW (26.8bhp) but not exceeding 35KW (46.6bhp) with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2 KW/Kg and that is not derived from a vehicle more than double its power. This will get you the A2 motorcycle licence which will allow you to ride a bike up to 35KW (46.6bhp).

### **A MOTORCYCLE LICENCE 595CC+ (24+ YEARS)**

The final step to a full power and unrestricted category A licence can be at 21 but ONLY if the rider has held an A2 licence for a minimum of 2 years, or at 24 if the rider has a new provisional motorcycle licence or full car licence. The test will have to be taken on a machine of at least 595cc and engine power of at least 40KW (53.6bhp).

### **PRACTICAL TESTS – MOD 1 & MOD 2**

At the end of your training there will be a Mod 1 off road test lasting approximately 10 minutes involving pushing your bike backwards, a slalom, figure of 8, slow control ride, U turn, a 32mph emergency stop and a 32mph hazard avoidance-controlled stop. Once this has been passed you are now ready for your Mod 2 test. This will be approximately 40 minutes riding in and out of town (just like your car test but on a bike).

### **THEORY TEST**

The theory test consists of 2 elements; multiple choice and hazard perception. You must pass both parts at the same time to gain your theory certificate. Once passed this, like your CBT certificate, is valid for 2 years. To book a theory test call DSA on 03002001122

### **BACK 2 BIKING**

Having taken your test many years ago you may want a refresher. If so, this is it!!! For those born-again bikers or those of you who wish to learn a little more post-test, this may be a useful course for you.

Do you worry about cornering? Are you concerned about riding in the rain? We tailor the course to your needs. Give us a ring on 07788714216 or email us at [info@nicksmctraining.co.uk](mailto:info@nicksmctraining.co.uk) to find out more.