How to get a moped or motorcycle licence
Select one of the routes below

Want to ride a moped? Start your route here

Moped (Provisional Cat P)
50 cc / 50 km/h
Minimum age 16 years
(valid to 70th birthday)

Take Compulsory Basic Training (CBT)
Completing CBT allows you to ride a moped whilst displaying L plates
Valid for 2 years. See Notes for moped riders

Want to ride on a 125 cc machine? Start your route here

Motorcycle 75 -125 cc (Provisional Cat A1)
Minimum age 17 years
(valid to 70th birthday)

Motorcycle 125 cc / 11 kW (Provisional Cat A)
Capable of 100 km/h (62.5 mph)
Minimum age 17 years
(valid to 70th birthday)

Take Compulsory Basic Training (CBT)
Completing CBT means you can ride a learner motorcycle up to 125 cc displaying L plates Valid for 2 years

Want to ride a bigger bike? Start your route here or take Direct Access

Direct Access Scheme (DAS)
Undertaken on a motorcycle which exceeds 35 kW (46.6 bhp)
You must be at least 21 years old and:

- Be accompanied at all times by a Direct Access Instructor on another motorcycle
- Be in communication with Instructor
- Wear fluorescent or reflective clothing

Take the moped/motorcycle theory test
From the date of passing the theory test, you have two years to pass both practical modules
If you have passed the theory test, proceed to practical test Module 1

Take the moped/motorcycle practical test Module 1
Consists of off-road specified manoeuvres
If you have passed Module 1, proceed to practical test Module 2

Take the moped/motorcycle practical test Module 2
Eyesight test, safety questions and road riding
When you have passed Module 1 and Module 2 you qualify for a full licence (see below)

Gives full Cat P Licence
* See notes

Gives full Cat A1 licence
licence limited to 125 cc

Gives full Cat A licence
licence limited to 25 kW for two years

Gives full Cat A licence
unlimited

POST-TEST You are now eligible for the Enhanced Rider Scheme – designed to provide you with an assessment of your riding and any additional training you may need to improve your riding skills. Successfully completing an Enhanced Rider Scheme course will entitle you to significant discounts on your insurance (check out **direct.gov.uk/rider** for more information and to find your nearest approved post-test motorcycle trainer).

*Notes for moped riders

A moped must have an engine capacity of up to 50cc and not weigh more than 250kg. If it was registered after 1 August 1977 its maximum design speed cannot exceed 50 km/h (about 32 mph).

Mopeds built after June 2003 are restricted to 45 km/h (28mph).

If you passed your car test prior to 1 February 2001, you have a valid Moped (Cat P only) licence. If you passed your car test after this date, you will need to take a CBT course; your CBT certificate will be valid for the life of your licence for mopeds only.

Motorcycles with automatic or semi-automatic gear boxes

If you wish to take your training and test on an automatic (twist and go) moped or motorcycle, your licence will be restricted to use on an automatic machine only. If, subsequently, you wish to ride a geared motorcycle you will be required to pass both Module 1 and Module 2 tests on a geared motorcycle.

Accelerated Access

If you hold a full motorcycle licence in a lower category and wish to upgrade to ride larger machines, you don't need to re-take CBT and the theory test. You can take both modules of the practical test on the larger motorcycle (to be taken within six months of each other), providing you meet the age requirement for the motorcycle you intend riding.

The routes to your motorcycle licence

Find out more about learning to ride at direct.gov.uk/motorcycle