



## Basic RiderCourse Description and Information

In the Basic RiderCourse you will learn:

- To have more fun by riding your motorcycle safely
- The basics: what to wear, how to start and stop your motorcycle, and motorcycle controls
- Street strategies to avoid trouble and stay safe
- How to maneuver your motorcycle in tough situations
- Swerving, avoiding collisions, special situations, lane changes, passing, and avoiding hazards

Here's a short list of some of the topics covered in the course:

- Introduction to motorcycling
- Protective gear / what to wear
- Controls, such as the clutch and brakes
- Pre-ride inspection of your motorcycle
- Preparing to ride your motorcycle on the practice range
- Street strategies to avoid trouble and stay safe
- Driving and riding impairments, such as use of alcohol and drugs
- How to maneuver your motorcycle
- Avoiding obstacles
- Lane changes
- Passing
- Riding at night
- Collision avoidance skills
- Swerving
- Special situations
- Carrying a passenger or cargo
- Dealing with tire failure
- Dealing with animals
- Other topics, all included to increase your motorcycle riding enjoyment and safety

Visit this link for a video on the Basic RiderCourse:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prR20YZtPGU>



## **Basic RiderCourse FAQs**

### **What does the Basic RiderCourse cost?**

Basic RiderCourse classes range from \$125 to \$150 or more. Contact the Training Providers in your area for a firm price.

### **Is the Basic RiderCourse right for me?**

The Basic RiderCourse introduces the fundamentals of safe, responsible motorcycling. It is designed specifically for the beginning rider, but even intermediate and advanced riders will benefit from the class. The class consists of approximately 20 hours classroom and riding instruction. Students are provided with a motorcycle, and most sites have loaner helmets (check with the training site make sure they are offered if you need one).

### **Can I get a motorcycle license by taking the Basic RiderCourse?**

If you successfully complete the course, you will receive a "completion card". For ages 18 and older, this card can be presented to the DMV, who will waive any further testing to get your motorcycle license. Please note: DMV reserves the right to test you again, but this is a very rare occurrence.

Effective January 1, 2018, there are different DMV licensing and instruction permit requirements for ages 16-17. Please review the information on instruction permits and licensing at [dmvnv.com](http://dmvnv.com) or contact your local DMV for details.

### **Are there any prerequisites for the Basic RiderCourse?**

Yes, you must have the ability to balance a two-wheel vehicle. If you have not ridden a bicycle in a long time, it is essential that you practice before attempting to ride a motorcycle.

Some training providers use the Motorcycle Safety Foundation online eCourse as a prerequisite to the Basic RiderCourse. This internet based, home study course prepares you for entry into the Basic RiderCourse. The eCourse takes about 3 hours to complete. Check with the training provider where you are enrolling to find out if the eCourse is required.

### **How old do I have to be to take the Basic RiderCourse?**

Students must be at least 15 ½ years old. Under age 18 students will need a parent or legal guardian to sign the waiver and indemnification form, prior to participating. The parent or guardian must sign this form IN-PERSON the first day of class, or, the parent or guardian may have the signature notarized on the form, which can then be brought by the student to the first day of class.



### **Do I need to have a motorcycle license, or an instruction permit to take the Basic RiderCourse?**

No. However, you must possess one of these:

1. A valid class "C" driver's license or,
2. A Nevada class "C" instruction permit or,
3. Proof of completion of a driver's education class

### **If I want to get a motorcycle instruction permit, how can I do this?**

Contact your local DMV. They can explain the process to you.

### **Do I need a class "C" license before I get a motorcycle license?**

No, you can be licensed just for a motorcycle. Check with your local DMV office for details.

### **I just want to ride my moped legally. Do I need a motorcycle license?**

If your moped fits the definition in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 486.038, you do not need a motorcycle driver license. However, to ride on public streets, you must have at least a class "C" license.

Be aware that some manufactures make 50cc vehicles that are low-powered motorcycles. If that is the case, then you would need a class "M" license. Either way, taking the Basic RiderCourse will help you learn to ride safely and is still highly recommended.

### **Can I use my own moped or motorcycle in the Basic RiderCourse?**

Please check with the training site where you want to take a class. Some allow your own moped or motorcycle, while others do not. You must ask before enrolling!

If you bring your own moped to use in the class, it must be street legal and will be subject to a safety inspection. You will also need to provide a copy of your vehicle insurance and registration. If you take and pass the class on a moped, or a less than 90cc motorcycle, your completion card will state that you will have a restriction on your license (that you cannot ride anything larger than the vehicle you tested on).

If you use your own street legal motorcycle, it must comply with certain size and weight restrictions, and must pass a safety inspection. Contact the Training Provider to make sure they will allow you to ride your own motorcycle in the class.

If you use your own motorcycle or moped, you may not leave it at the practice range in the evenings. You must transport it to and from the class each day.

### **How can I prepare for the Basic RiderCourse?**

Review the Motorcycle Operator Manual from the DMV, practice riding a bicycle, or observe a Basic RiderCourse by watching the range exercises. (For safety reasons, please do not disturb the class and please observe from a safe distance.)



**Do I need to bring my own motorcycle or riding gear?**

We will provide the training motorcycle and possibly a loaner helmet (check with the training site to see if they provide loaners). You are required to bring your own eye protection (face shield, goggles or glasses), long sleeve shirt or jacket, full-fingered gloves, long pants and sturdy over-the-ankle shoes or boots. If you are using your own helmet, it must be D.O.T. compliant. Appropriate clothing for various weather conditions is your responsibility. Classes are held in both rain and shine.

**Will I be tested in the Basic RiderCourse?**

Yes, there is a 25-question multiple choice knowledge test and an end-of-class riding evaluation. Both must be passed to earn a completion card.