



INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO RIDING A MOTORCYCLE

Riding a motorcycle can be great fun and is enjoyed by people of all ages. However, riding on the road means accepting responsibility for yourself and showing due care and consideration for all other road users. Compared with driving other vehicles, riding a motorcycle puts you at greater risk from other road users. Safe riding calls for total awareness of what other road users are doing and the ability to “communicate” with them. The correct attitude towards riding will make the road a safer and more pleasant place for pedestrians and motorists alike.

During the initial stages of learning. It is essential that learner riders cultivate the right qualities and learn the right techniques. Mistakes which are repeated will become habits which cannot be easily corrected.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

1. As compared to driving a car, motorcycle riding requires greater skills and control. A motorcyclist is also less visible on the road, and is more prone to sustaining injuries in accidents, due to the lack of protection provided by an outer shell.
2. Riding is a chain process involving perception, judgement and reaction. Since most accidents are due to poor perception and poor judgement on the part of riders, accidents can thus be easily avoided if riders were to anticipate and react in the proper manner. Proper planning and observation (perception), correct analysis and decisions (judgement of varying road traffic situations) are therefore essential if you were to avoid accidents.

CLASSES OF DRIVING LICENCES

3. The following table is the categorisation of petrol and electric motorcycles with existing Class 2B, 2A and 2 categories under the law.

Licence Class	Categorisation for Petrol Motorcycles	Categorisation for Electric Motorcycles	Existing Driving Licensing Requirements
Class 2B	Below 200cc.	Below 15kW	Pass the Basic Theory Test, Riding Theory Test and Class 2B practical driving test.
Class 2A	Between 200cc and 400cc.	Between 15kW to 25kW.	Possess a valid Class 2B licence for at least one year, and pass the Class 2A practical driving test.
Class 2	Above 400cc.	Above 25kW.	Possess a valid Class 2A licence for at least one year, and pass the Class 2 practical driving test.

‘NEW’ DRIVERS

4. New drivers are motorists who hold a new class of driving licence for less than one year from the date of grant of licence. They shall be under probation for one year from the date of grant of the new driving licence to them.