

The New Rider Course (NRC)

This course is designed for the true novice rider who has little or no riding experience. It includes classroom and riding instruction on the basic riding skills and strategies necessary for an individual to begin to practice street riding. Courses are taught by Motor Vehicle Administration and Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified instructors in Harley-Davidson style. You should be able to ride a bicycle to participate in this course.

During the classroom time participants will discuss topics that include responsible riding, selecting proper riding gear and the basic riding skills. Other topics include defensive riding strategies and how to handle a variety of riding situations. Participants will ride on a training motorcycle practicing clutch-throttle control, stopping, turning, shifting and basic crash avoidance skills. Throughout the course the instructors evaluate and coach each rider's performance. **Participants who do not achieve the minimum performance standards will not be allowed to continue in the course.** To complete the course, riders must pass a knowledge and skill test administered at the end of the course. Riders who pass will receive a Maryland Motorcycle Safety Program Completion Card. **There is no guarantee that an individual enrolling in this course will pass, or get their license.**

Participants in a NRC should not ride their personal motorcycle to class unless done so legally. Please see the MVA Program's policy about riding a motorcycle to class; viewable at the MVA website.

Enrollment Requirements

- Individuals who possess a valid driver's license, a Class "M" (motorcycle) learner's permit or individuals that are eligible for a learner's permit may enroll in the basic course. Parents or guardians of individuals under the age of 18 enrolling in the course must sign all consent/release forms. PLEASE NOTE: A learner's permit is not required to take this course.
- Wear [protective clothing](#) (eye protection, suitable jacket, long pants, full-fingered gloves and over-the-ankle footwear) during the riding portion. Students are required to provide their own helmets and other safety gear, All helmets must be DOT certified, fit properly and in good condition with labeling intact. Course participants are to bring their riding gear to the first class session for evaluation by the course Instructor.
- The [course registration fee](#) is due within 48 hours or two business days from making your reservation to be officially enrolled in a course. You may attempt to enroll in a course as a stand-by student by reporting to the center on the first day of the course and if selected paying the fee by check or money order.

Course Completion Requirements

To pass the course, you must:

- Participate in all course sessions
- Pass a written knowledge test
- Pass a riding skills test

Getting Your License

Riders satisfactorily completing the New Rider Course are eligible to receive their Class M license. Upon successfully completing the course, students will be issued a certificate which must be presented at a full service MVA center **within 6 months** of completing the course to have the M Class License placed on your current driver's license. (Please note – Students who allow the certificate to expire will be required to register and pay all applicable fee in order to obtain the M Class License.)

General Information

- **A motorcycle learner's permit is not required to participate.**
- Training motorcycles are provided. Personal motorcycles may not be used.
- Some insurance companies offer discounts on motorcycle premiums to course graduates.
- The curriculum is approved by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and meets or exceeds the standards set by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.
- Course participants are required to report to all scheduled sessions regardless of weather.
- Tardiness is not tolerated.
- If things don't go as planned, there will be an opportunity to retake the motorcycle rider course test(s)

Policies

Sometimes, for whatever reason, an individual may not be able to participate in the course they were scheduled for. If this happens, you have a few options.

Individuals may be provided one opportunity to be rescheduled into another motorcycle safety course without being required to pay another course registration fee. In order to be rescheduled, individuals must notify the program manager a minimum of 7 days prior to the start of their course that they are unable to participate, in order to reschedule or receive a refund. All reschedules are subject to the availability of another course opening and must be completed in the current training season. There is no guarantee that the training center will be able to reschedule individuals into another course by the end of the training season. Individuals who cannot be rescheduled or elect not to, may request a refund provided sufficient notice has been given. The training center reserves the right not to reschedule individuals. In the event insufficient notice has been given, or in the event of a "no call/no show", the course fees may be subject to forfeiture.

Individuals who are late for, or miss a session are not eligible for reschedule or refund under this policy.

Individuals "counseled out" of a course (asked to leave by the Instructors) because of poor performance may be provided one opportunity to be rescheduled into another class, but could be required to pay the registration fee again. Rescheduling arrangements must be made through the program manager and are based on availability.

MVA Test Rescheduling Policy

Individuals who do not pass the New Rider Course (NRC or SRCL) Knowledge Test or Skill Test, or the Experienced Rider Course (SRC) Skill Test may be provided one opportunity to retake these tests. Re-tests should be completed within 30 working days of the original motorcycle rider course's ending date. Individuals interested in a re-test are responsible for scheduling a re-test date with either the program manager or an instructor as directed at the time of your original test and all re-tests must be completed at the training center where the individual participated in the course. All re-tests must be completed in the current training season. Individuals scheduled to be re-tested must present their original test score sheet at time of re-test.

The Training Center Manager or designated instructor is responsible for scheduling all re-test appointments and reserves the right to cancel or postpone any or all of the scheduled re-test dates.

Refund Policy

The course registration fee will not be refunded to an individual who participates in any portion of a course regardless if they have not completed the course, or if notice of cancellation has occurred in less than seven days prior to the commencement of the course.

The training center may refund the course registration fee for a motorcycle safety course only if the individual has **not** participated in any portion of it or if individual has provided sufficient notice of cancellation. An individual who provides sufficient notice of cancellation must submit their request for the refund with the original copy of their course registration fee receipt before the end of the calendar year in which the course was scheduled. If a payment for the course was made with a debit or credit card, the same debit or credit card must be presented for the refund. No cash or check refund will be issued for course fees paid for by debit or credit card.

Stand-by Option

Anyone interested in taking the rider training course may try to register as a stand-by student. Stand-by students should report to a training center approximately 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of a class. Stand-by students are selected by a "lottery" system to fill any available openings.

The Training Center Manager may give preference to those individuals who have already registered with Harley-Davidson of Baltimore and can provide proof of their payment. If selected as a stand-by student you must be prepared to pay the registration fee and participate in the course. Payment can only be made by credit card or check card. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express.

Lateness Policy

All classes start promptly at the times indicated. If you are late for the first session your course fee will be forfeited and no refund or reschedule will be possible. If you are late for any subsequent session you will not be allowed to continue; your course fee will be forfeited and no refund or reschedule will be possible. There is no grace period. The MVA and its training center sponsors are not responsible for traffic, weather or any other condition or circumstance that might cause a participant to be late. It is the participant's responsibility for being on time for each class session.

Use of Personal Motorcycles

Participants in New and Skilled Rider for Licensure Courses should not ride their personal motorcycle to class unless the motorcycle is street legal and the operator is properly licensed. Individuals operating a motorcycle with a valid learner's permit must report to the course instructor with their accompanying rider upon their arrival to any scheduled class session. The accompanying rider must also return at the end of the class.

The accompanying rider must be a licensed motorcyclist who is over 21 years of age and has been a licensed rider for at least three years. This individual can be following the permitted rider on another motorcycle, or in a car within a reasonable sight distance.

Individuals in violation of this policy may not be permitted to participate in the motorcycle safety course and forfeit the course fee.