

This document has been modeled on the information about the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's Alternate Basic Rider Course (BRCII). This document contains the policies of Harley-Davidson/ Buell of Baltimore's Rider's Edge training facility, however, MVA's full policies can be found at their website. <http://www.marylandmva.com/MVAProg/moto/intermbasicrider.htm>

Harley-Davidson/Buell of Baltimore Rider's Edge® Skilled Rider Course for Licensure

This seven-hour course provides another option for an individual to earn their license without having to take the full 17-hour basic course. **It is only for individuals that have some riding experience and are seeking a Class "M" license.**

Instruction is provided by the Motor Vehicle Administration and Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified instructors. The pre-requisites for this course include the ability to:

- Use the clutch and throttle to get the motorcycle in motion;
- Stop the motorcycle properly in a designated area;
- Execute gradual and tight turns;
- Up and downshift smoothly; and
- Achieve a speed of at least 25 mph.

During the initial riding activities, each rider's ability to operate a motorcycle will be evaluated by the instructors. **Rider's that cannot demonstrate minimum riding proficiency will not be allowed to continue and will need to consider enrolling in the Basic Rider Course.** Riders who are not allowed to continue will not be eligible for a refund, however, they may choose to be enrolled in the Rider's Edge® New Rider Course. The tuition amount paid for the Alternate Skilled Rider Course will be applied to the \$350 course tuition for the NRC.

Learning activities are conducted both at the dealership classroom and riding range. Various topics including preparing to ride, road management and advanced riding techniques are discussed during the course.

Riders can elect to use a program training motorcycle, or they may use their personal motorcycle if it is street legal and they transport it to the training site legally. See the Program's ****policy**** regarding riding a motorcycle to class. Personal motorcycles must be in good operating condition and pass a routine pre-ride check given as a part of the course. Riders are to provide their own riding gear, which includes a DOT certified helmet, eye protection, jacket, full-fingered gloves, long pants and sturdy over-the-ankle footwear. 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.**

Enrollment Requirements

- Individuals who possess a valid driver's license, a Class "M" (motorcycle) learner's permit or individuals who 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 a consent/release form.
- Wear protective clothing (eye protection, suitable jacket, long pants, full-fingered gloves and over-the-ankle footwear) during the riding portion. All helmets must be DOT certified and in good condition with proper labeling intact.
- Pay the course registration fee to be officially enrolled in a course.

Course Completion Requirements

To pass the course, you must participate in all the course sessions and pass a knowledge test and the on-cycle test.

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

Riders who pass the course will receive a Maryland Motorcycle Safety Program completion card.

Getting Your License

Riders satisfactorily completing the Alternate Basic Rider Course (BRC II) are eligible to receive their Class M License.

General Information

- A motorcycle learner's permit is not required to participate.
- Training motorcycles are provided but participants may use their personal motorcycle if it is transported legally to the training center. Motorcycles with sidecars, trikes or scooters 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.
- Lateness policy. All classes start promptly at the times indicated. If you are late for any portion of the course you will not be allowed to continue. 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. There are no refunds or reschedules for lateness.

****Use of Personal Motorcycles****

Participants in Basic and Alternate Basic Rider 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 regardless if the student passes both tests; students are not licensed until the actual license has been issued by the MVA – a completion certificate is not a license or substitute for the actual MVA issued license.

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.