

exceed 250cc.

As a learner you must always display 'L' plates and comply with any other conditions on the permit.

THE PRACTICAL RIDING ASSESSMENT

When you are ready to do your practical riding assessment, contact Licensing or your local provider to book a test time.

You can do the practical assessment for a moped at any time after you have your learner's permit for that class.

The earliest you can do the practical assessment for an R-E class is when you are at least 16 years and 6 months of age.

All assessments must be conducted on a motorcycle that meets the minimum vehicle assessment standards for the relevant class. They are:

Class	Minimum vehicle standard
R-N	A moped
R-E	A motorcycle with an engine capacity of at least 100cc (but not exceeding 250cc) fitted with a hand or foot operated clutch.
R	A motorcycle with an engine capacity exceeding 250cc.

If your assessment is conducted on a motorcycle with automatic transmission, your licence will restrict you to riding automatic motorcycles only.

The practical assessment will determine your general riding ability. This may include such tasks as your ability to perform a quick stop under full control without locking either wheel. You may also have to show that you can balance the machine at low speeds and demonstrate your ability to correctly park and start on a hill. Applicants who fail must re-book and pay for another assessment.

ONCE YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

Once you pass the practical assessment, your result will be recorded at a Licensing Centre or agent.

If you have just passed your R-N practical, you will get a probationary driver's licence for that class. If you have just passed your R-E practical assessment and this is the first class that you have applied for (other than an R-N class), you will move onto the second phase of your learner's permit. You will be issued with a log book and will still need to:

- gain experience on the road and maintain a log book while riding under supervision; and
- pass the Hazard Perception Test.

Once you have met these requirements, you can get your probationary R-E class licence at 17 years of age.

If you already hold a WA driver's licence (not a learner's permit), and you have just passed the practical test for your R-E or R class, your licence will simply be upgraded to include the new class. If your current driver's licence is not due for renewal, it is advisable to pay for a duplicate licence so that your plastic licence card shows your new class.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information please contact us.

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Getting a motorcycle licence



THE CLASSES EXPLAINED

If you want to ride a moped or motorcycle, you must hold the correct driver's licence class. There are three classes of licence relating to motorcycles. They are:

Class	What you can ride	Eligibility requirements to hold class	Other classes covered
R-N	Any moped. A moped is a motorcycle that has a propelling engine having a piston displacement not exceeding 50ml and that is designed so as to be capable of a speed not exceeding 60km/h, whether or not it is also capable of being propelled as a pedal cycle, but does not include a power assisted pedal cycle.	Minimum age 16 years (letter of consent required from a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years of age).	Nil
R-E	Any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> motorcycle with or without a side car attachment with an engine capacity not exceeding 250cc motor carrier with an engine capacity not exceeding 250cc. 	Minimum age 17 years (letter of consent required from a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years of age). Must pass motorcycle theory test.	R-N
R	Any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> motorcycle with or without a side car attachment motor carrier. 	Must have held R-E class for at least one year.	R-E and R-N

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR A LEARNER'S PERMIT?

You can apply for an R-N or R-E class learner's permit at 16 years of age. If either of these are the first class of licence that you are applying for, you will have to follow the procedures for someone getting their licence for the first time. This will include passing the road rules theory test. More information on this is available in the brochure 'Getting Your Driver's Licence'.

Remember that if you already hold any class of WA driver's licence (not a learner's permit), this automatically covers you to ride a moped.

If you are under 18 years of age, you will have to provide a letter of consent from a parent or a legal guardian before we can issue you with a permit. You can find an example of this in the Drive Safe book or on our website.

You can apply for an R class learner's permit once you hold an R-E class. However, you cannot sit the practical test for the R class until you have held your R-E licence for at least one year.

THE MOTORCYCLE THEORY TEST

You will need to sit the motorcycle theory test if you are applying for an R-E class. This test consists of 15 multiple-choice questions on road rules that relate to motorcycles. You have to get 12 or more correct to pass.

A copy of the motorcycle theory test is available at www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing.

You can study for this test by reading the relevant sections of the Drive Safe book. Drive Safes are available from Licensing Centres and agents, by contacting Licensing or on our website.

The motorcycle theory test is not required for the R-N or R class.

THE LEARNER'S PERMIT APPLICATION

You can apply for a learner's permit at any Licensing Centre or agent. Contact Licensing for your nearest location or go online to www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing.

When applying for your learner's permit, you must:

- Complete an application form

- Pass an eyesight test.
- Provide primary and secondary proof of identity (POI) as well as proof of residency in WA. At least one of the documents must include your signature. All documents must be originals or certified copies.
 - The most common types of primary POI are a photographic driver's licence, a current passport or a birth certificate.
 - The most common types of secondary POI include an ATM card, a credit card or a Medicare card.
 - If one of your POI documents has your WA address on it, you have already satisfied our proof of residency requirements. If not, you can use other documents that have your WA address on them like a house rental agreement, a council rate notice or a bank statement.
- Pay an application fee. Contact Licensing for the current fee.
- Present a letter of consent from a parent or legal guardian if you are under 18 years of age

When you've completed all of these requirements, we can issue you with a learner's permit so you can have practical riding instruction.

LEARNING TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE

Once you have your learner's permit, you can have riding lessons with:

- a licensed riding instructor who holds the same or higher class of motorcycle licence for which you are applying; or
- a person who holds a current driver's licence and has held for at least four years the class of driver's licence (or higher) that you are applying for; or
- in the case of a moped, a person who has held an R-N or C class for at least two years.

Your tutor must accompany you at all times either as a pillion passenger, in a sidecar or on another motorcycle. If you are applying for an R-E class, you must always ride a motorcycle with an engine capacity that does not