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Licence restrictions for L, P1 and P2

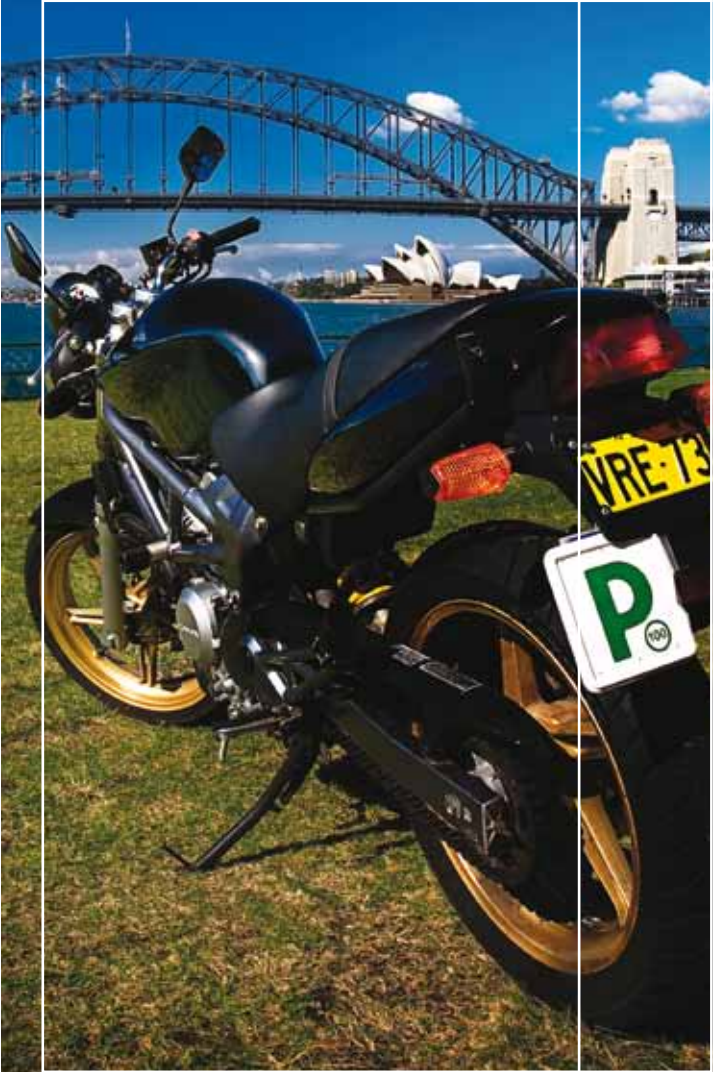
LICENCE RESTRICTION	LEARNER RIDER LICENCE	PROVISIONAL P1 RIDER LICENCE	PROVISIONAL P2 RIDER LICENCE
Automatic transmission motorcycles	You are restricted to riding an automatic motorcycle if you completed your pre-learner training course on one.	You are restricted to riding an automatic motorcycle if you completed your pre-learner training course on one.	
Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	Your BAC must be zero. This means you cannot have any alcohol in your system when you ride.	Your BAC must be zero. This means you cannot have any alcohol in your system when you ride.	Your BAC must be zero. This means you cannot have any alcohol in your system when you ride.
Demerit points	A learner who commits driving offences may have their licence cancelled by a court or the RTA.	Your licence will be suspended if you incur four or more demerit points.	Your licence will be suspended if you incur seven or more demerit points.
Display of plates	An 'L' plate must be clearly displayed on the back of the motorcycle.	A red 'P' plate must be clearly displayed on the back of the motorcycle.	A green 'P' plate must be clearly displayed on the back of the motorcycle.
Helmet	You must wear an Australian Standard AS/NZS1698 motorcycle helmet.	You must wear an Australian Standard AS/NZS1698 motorcycle helmet.	You must wear an Australian Standard AS/NZS1698 motorcycle helmet.
Passengers	You must not carry any pillion passengers.	You must not carry any pillion passengers.	
Speed limit	You must not ride faster than 80km/h and must observe the speed limit where it is below 80 km/h.	You must not ride faster than 90km/h and must observe the speed limit where it is below 90 km/h.	You must not ride faster than 100km/h and must observe the speed limit where it is below 100 km/h.
Motorcycles	<div>You must only ride motorcycles that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are on the list of Approved Motorcycles for Novice Riders published on the RTA website, and</li><li>• Have an engine capacity not greater than 660ml, and</li><li>• Have a power to weight ratio not greater than 150 kilowatts per tonne.</li></ul></div>	<div>You must only ride motorcycles that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are on the list of Approved Motorcycles for Novice Riders published on the RTA website, and</li><li>• Have an engine capacity not greater than 660ml, and</li><li>• Have a power to weight ratio not greater than 150 kilowatts per tonne.</li></ul></div>	<div>You must only ride motorcycles that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are on the list of Approved Motorcycles for Novice Riders published on the RTA website, and</li><li>• Have an engine capacity not greater than 660ml, and</li><li>• Have a power to weight ratio not greater than 150 kilowatts per tonne.</li></ul></div>

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Getting your  
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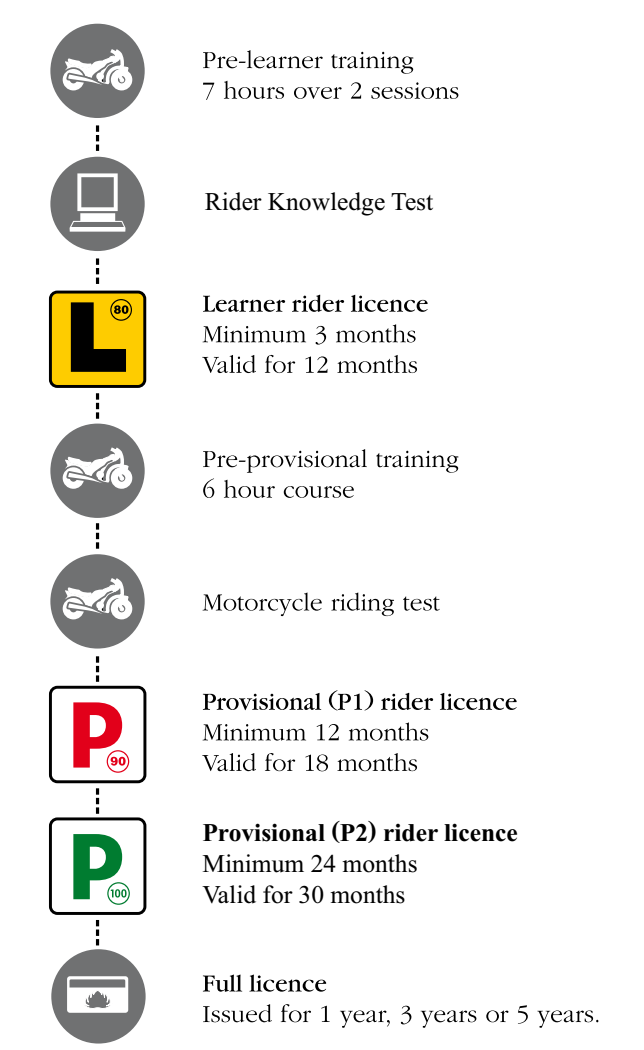


## Motorcycle graduated licensing scheme

The Graduated Licensing Scheme for motorcycle rider licence applicants requires new riders to pass through three licensing stages before obtaining an unrestricted rider licence.

- Learner rider licence.
- Provisional P1 rider licence.
- Provisional P2 rider licence.

The chart below shows how a new rider progresses through the licensing scheme.



## NSW Rider Training and Testing Scheme

To obtain a rider licence in NSW most licence applicants will need to undertake rider training. The training covers the key skills required for riding on the road. These skills are taught in two stages – pre-learner training and pre-provisional training.

If there is no training centre in your area, you are encouraged to undertake the training, but it is not compulsory. To find out if you live in an area with a rider training centre, visit the RTA website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) or contact the RTA on 13 22 13.

If you have previously held a provisional or an unrestricted motorcycle rider licence, you are not required to complete the training.

### Learner rider licence

You must be at least 16 years and nine months to be issued with a learner rider licence. However, you can attend a pre-learner course at the age of 16 years and six months.

#### Pre-learner training course

The duration of a pre-learner course is two days (3.5 hours each day). Motorcycle, helmets, gloves and tuition are provided at the training centre.

No motorcycle riding experience is necessary for the pre-learner course. However, learning to ride a motorcycle requires a high level of balance, coordination and concentration. Some people may require extra training to develop these skills.

The course has pass/fail criteria and you must achieve all competencies to pass. For your safety and the safety of others, the instructor may stop you from riding during the course. If this happens, the instructor will advise you the best way to proceed with your training.

#### After the course

After passing the course, you will be issued with a pre-learner certificate of competence which is valid for three months. Failure to obtain a learner rider licence within the three months of being issued the certificate will mean you need to re-attend all training.

Go to any motor registry and:

- Take your pre-learner certificate of competence.
- Take proof of identity documents, a NSW driver photo licence that is current or expired in the last two years or for more information about proof of identity documents, get the brochure *‘How to prove who you are’* from any motor registry or visit the RTA website.
- Complete a licence application form.
- Pass an eyesight test.
- Pass the rider knowledge test. The test can be booked online at [myRTA.com](http://myRTA.com), by calling 13 22 13 or at a motor registry. A fee will apply.
- Pay the licence fee.

You will then be issued with a learner rider licence which is valid for 12 months.

### Provisional P1 & P2 rider licences

You must have held your learner rider licence for a minimum of three months before you are eligible to attend the pre-provisional course. You can book the course any time after gaining your learner rider licence.

#### Pre-provisional training course

The duration of a pre-provisional course is six hours with a further one hour for the motorcycle riding test. You must provide the motorcycle and protective clothing to undertake the course and motorcycle riding test.

Your learner rider licence is only valid for twelve months. If you have not passed the pre-provisional course within that time, your learner licence will expire and you will need to attend the pre-learner course again.

#### After the course

After passing the course, you will be issued with a pre-provisional certificate of competence which is valid for three months. Failure to obtain a provisional P1 licence within the three months of being issued the certificate will mean you need to re-attend all training.

Go to any motor registry and:

- Take your pre-provisional certificate of competence.
- Take your learner rider licence as proof of identity.
- Complete a licence application form.
- Pass an eyesight test.
- Pay the licence fee.

You will then be issued with a provisional P1 licence which is valid for 18 months but which can be upgraded to a provisional P2 licence after 12 months. The provisional P2 licence is valid for 30 months.

Note: An exemption from the provisional P2 licence phase will apply to rider licence applicants aged 25 and over and who hold a current Australian unrestricted driver licence.

### Unrestricted rider licence

To upgrade to an unrestricted motorcycle rider licence, go to any motor registry after having held a provisional P2 licence for 24 months.

### How to get a motorcycle rider licence in areas where there are no training centres

To get a learner rider licence, go to any motor registry and:

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- Complete a licence application form.
- Pass an eyesight test.
- Pass the rider knowledge test. The test can be booked online at [myRTA.com](http://myRTA.com), by calling 13 22 13 or at a motor registry. A fee will apply.
- Pay the licence fee.

Your learner rider licence is valid for 12 months.

To get a provisional licence, visit any motor registry or contact the RTA, then pay for and make a booking for your motorcycle riding test. Once you pass the test, pay the licence fee and you will receive your provisional P1 rider licence which is valid for 18 months. You can upgrade to a provisional P2 rider licence after 12 months.

The provisional P2 licence is valid for 30 months. To upgrade to an unrestricted motorcycle rider licence, go to any motor registry after having held a provisional P2 licence for 24 months.

### Rider training courses and tests bookings

You can book and pay for the pre-learner rider training course, the pre-provisional rider training course, the motorcycle riding test and the rider knowledge test:

- Online at [my RTA.com](http://myRTA.com).
- By calling the RTA on 13 22 13 (credit cards only).
- At any motor registry.

Note: If a scooter is required for training, please advise the operator or the registry officer at the time of booking.

