

How long will it take to complete the motorcycle manoeuvres test?

Approximately 30 minutes.

Do I need to wear protective clothing?

The requirement for the wearing of protective clothing by trainees and test candidates during the motorcycle manoeuvres test will be the same as the on-road test.

DVA strongly recommends that motorcyclists, (both trainee and qualified) wear suitable protective clothing at all times whilst riding motorcycles.

Will the on-road test change?

Yes, there will be minor changes to the on-road test. Introduction of a separate manoeuvres test will mean there will be more time for the examiner to assess on-road test riding skills.

What is the fee for the motorcycle manoeuvres test?

The fee for this test will be £ 31.00.

Can the motorcycle manoeuvres test be taken at any DVA centre?

DVA will conduct the manoeuvres test at 6 centres, Ballymena, Craigavon, Downpatrick, Londonderry (New Buildings), Mallusk and Omagh.

How can I find out more?

More information about this test and how to book it can be obtained from DVA's website, www.dvani.gov.uk/. Or contact:

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From 8th December 2008 a motorcycle manoeuvres test will be introduced.

From this date the on-road test motorcycle test for the following categories:

- A - A motor bicycle without a sidecar having an engine with a cylinder capacity of over 120 cubic centimetres but not more than 125 cubic centimetres and capable of a speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level.
- A1 - A motor bicycle without a sidecar having an engine with a cylinder capacity of 75 cubic centimetres but not more than 120 cubic centimetres.
- P - Any vehicle in category P,

Will be split into two separate tests, a motorcycle manoeuvres test and an on-road test.

Bookings will be taken from 24 November 2008

What does this mean?

To obtain a motorcycle driver licence a candidate will have to pass three tests, in the following order:

- A theory test,
- A motorcycle manoeuvres test, and
- The on-road test.

Why is the motorcycle manoeuvres test being introduced?

European Directive (56/2000/EC) states that additional requirements must be assessed as part of a on-road test motorcycle driver test.

This Directive's aim is to improve road safety by reducing the number of motorcycle collisions.

What is involved in the motorcycle manoeuvres test?

The motorcycle manoeuvres test includes the following exercises:

- A slow riding exercise, where the candidate rides alongside the examiner at walking pace.

- A slalom and a figure of 8 exercise.
- Walking and riding 'U' Turn exercises and the use of motorcycle stands.
- A curve, ridden in second or third gear at a minimum speed of at least 30km/h (18.75mph).
- A combined avoidance and braking exercise at a minimum speed of 50km/h (31.25mph), and
- An emergency braking exercise at a minimum speed of 50km/h (31.25mph).

What is the minimum speed requirement for a moped (category P)?

Moped riders (category P) will be required to meet a minimum speed requirement of 30km/h, (18.75mph) to complete the avoidance and emergency braking exercise.

Do I need to prepare my motorcycle or moped for the test?

There is a need to ensure the bike has been well maintained and regularly serviced as failure to do so may impact on performance.