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**Vermont Rider
Education Program**



*Training A New Generation
of Motorcyclists*

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Course Descriptions and Requirements

BASIC RIDERCOURSE (BRC)

This course is for novice riders and those with limited riding experience, as well as riders who haven't ridden for a few years. The course teaches the basic skills needed to operate a motorcycle in traffic. Training includes a minimum five hours of classroom activities and 10 hours of riding exercises.

The BRC begins by familiarizing students with the location and operation of controls. Students learn riding skills by practicing on small motorcycles. Students must demonstrate they have the strength, balance and coordination to perform straight-line riding, shifting, turning and stopping exercises.

The course then introduces students to the strategies needed for riding on the street and sharing the road with other vehicles. Skills taught include emergency braking, swerving and proper cornering techniques.

Motorcycles and textbooks are provided. All exercises are conducted on a protected range.

Enrollment Requirements: Student must be at least 16 years of age and hold a **valid Vermont driver's license**. Riders attending the BRC are **not required to have a motorcycle learner's permit**.

Riding Gear Requirements: DOT approved 3/4 or full-face helmet, if you do not have a helmet the program will have one available for you to use during the course; sturdy over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; sturdy full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

Completion Requirements: Participation in all classroom and riding sessions. Passing score on both the knowledge and skills tests. Students successfully completing the BRC will be **exempt from taking the Vermont motorcycle**

written and skill examinations to obtain a motorcycle endorsement.

Course fee for the BRC is \$185.

DMV knowledge test, skills test, endorsement and permit fees listed in the **DMV Fees** are included in the course fee.

**SCOOTER BASIC
RIDERCOURSE (SBRC)**

This course is for those individuals that have made the decision to ride a scooter. The course teaches the basic skills needed to operate a scooter in traffic. Training includes a minimum five hours of classroom activities and 10 hours of on-scooter riding exercises.

Students learn riding skills by practicing on small scooters. Students must demonstrate they have the strength, balance and coordination to perform straight-line riding, turning and stopping exercises.

During the course students are also introduced to the strategies needed for riding a scooter on the street. Skills taught include emergency braking, swerving and proper cornering techniques.

Scooters and textbooks are provided. All exercises are conducted on a protected range.

A motorcycle endorsement is required to operate a scooter in Vermont. Students successfully completing the SBRC will be **exempt from taking the Vermont motorcycle written and skill examinations to obtain a motorcycle endorsement.**

Enrollment Requirements: Student must be at least 16 years of age and hold a **valid Vermont driver's license**. Riders attending the SBRC are **not required to have a motorcycle learner's permit**.

Riding Gear Requirements: DOT approved 3/4 or full-face helmet, if you do not have a helmet the

program will have one available for you to use during the course; sturdy over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; sturdy full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

Completion Requirements: Participation in all classroom and riding sessions. Passing score on both the knowledge and skills tests.

Course fee for the SBRC is \$185.

DMV knowledge test, skills test, endorsement and permit fees listed in the **DMV Fees** are included in the course fee.

INTERMEDIATE RIDERCOURSE (IRC)

This one-day course is designed for students who have completed the Basic Rider Course and wish more range practice time on the motorcycle. Emphasis is placed on the skill requirements of the student. Motorcycles are provided for this course.

Enrollment Requirements: **Completed the Basic Rider Course and passed the BRC knowledge test within the last twelve months.**

Riding Gear Requirements: DOT approved 3/4 or full-face helmet, if you do not have a helmet the program will have one available for you to use during the course; sturdy over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; sturdy full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

Completion Requirements: Participation in all riding sessions. Passing score on the skills tests. Students successfully completing the IRC will be **exempt from taking the Vermont motorcycle skill examination to obtain their motorcycle endorsement.**

Course fee for the IRC is \$95.

DMV skills test and endorsement fees listed in the **DMV Fees** are included in the course fee.

**EXPERIENCED RIDER LICENSE
WAIVER COURSE (ERC-License Waiver)**

This one-day course is designed for riders who possess a driver's license without a motorcycle endorsement. The course includes riding exercises and discussions on motorcycle safety. Exercises practiced help riders hone their motorcycle skills including emergency braking, swerving, proper cornering techniques and slow speed maneuvers.

This course is not designed to teach the basic skills of straight-line riding, shifting, turning and stopping. Students must be capable of performing these basic motorcycle skills (which are taught in the BRC) prior to attending this course. Students attending this course that are not able to demonstrate these basic skills will not be allowed to continue.

Enrollment Requirements: Student must be at least 16 years of age, hold a valid Vermont driver's license and **valid State of Vermont motorcycle permit.**

Equipment Requirements: Students may bring their own street legal motorcycle. Motorcycles must be currently registered, inspected, insured, in good mechanical condition and meet Vermont inspection standards. Students not wishing to use their own motorcycle may use a program motorcycle for an additional fee.

Riding Gear Requirements: DOT approved 3/4 or full-face helmet, if you do not have a proper helmet the program will have one available for you to use during the course; sturdy over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; sturdy full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

Completion Requirements: Participation in all classroom and riding sessions. Passing score on both the knowledge and skills tests.

Experienced Rider License Waiver Course (ERC-License Waiver) (continued)

Students successfully completing the ERC License Waiver will be **exempt from taking the Vermont motorcycle skill examination to obtain their motorcycle endorsement.**

Course fee for the ERC-License Waiver is: Students using their own motorcycle \$95 Students using a program motorcycle \$105 DMV skills test and endorsement fees listed in the **DMV Fees** are included in the course fee.

EXPERIENCED RIDER SKILLS PLUS COURSE (ERC-Plus)

This one-day course is designed for riders who are already licensed and frequently ride. The course includes riding exercises and discussions on motorcycle safety. Exercises practiced help riders hone their motorcycle skills including emergency braking, swerving, proper cornering techniques and slow speed maneuvers.

Enrollment Requirements: Student must be at least 16 years of age and hold a **valid Vermont driver's license endorsed for motorcycle operation.**

Equipment Requirements: Students must bring their own street legal motorcycle. Motorcycles must be currently registered, inspected, insured, in good mechanical condition and meet Vermont inspection standards.

Riding Gear Requirements: DOT approved 3/4 or full-face helmet, if you do not have a proper helmet the program will have one available for you to use during the course; sturdy over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; sturdy full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

Completion Requirements: Participation in all riding sessions. Passing score on the skills tests.

Course fee for the ERC-Plus is \$80.

RIDERCOACH PREPARATION COURSE (RCP)

This 80-hour course teaches experienced riders how to teach the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course curriculum.

Enrollment Requirements: RiderCoach Candidates must be at least 21 years of age, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, hold a valid driver's license with motorcycle endorsement which has not been suspended or revoked at any time during the preceding two years, driving record must be clear of convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the preceding five years and have at least four years of motorcycle riding experience during the preceding five years.

Completion Requirements: Successfully complete a home study assignment, skill and knowledge tests and student teaching assignments.

Candidates successfully completing the RCP will be certified as a RiderCoach and are eligible to work for the Vermont Rider Education Program. Interested RiderCoach applicants should call the Program Coordinator at 802-828-2068

DMV Fees

Knowledge Test	\$7.00
Skills Test	\$18.00
Motorcycle Permit	\$17.00
Motorcycle Endorsement	\$2.00 per year

All of the Vermont Rider Education Program's course offerings are designed for two-wheeled motorcycles.

Students will be required to sign a waiver form before beginning any motorcycle training course. Students under 18 years of age must have a parent's or guardian's signature on the waiver form.

Students are required to present a photo ID on the first day of the course.

The Motorcycle Challenge

Motorcycle riding in Vermont is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of residents throughout the Green Mountain State. The Vermont Rider Education Program (VREP) was established in 1990 to offer motorcycle rider training to anyone who wishes to enjoy the sport of motorcycling. The Program offers instructional courses to make your motorcycling safer and more enjoyable.

RiderCourse Incentives

RiderCourse Participants: Here is some information that makes taking a RiderCourse more attractive than ever.

Many insurance companies offer premium discounts from 5% to as much as 20% to RiderCourse graduates. In some cases the discount can be as much as the course tuition itself. When combined with the reimbursements available from some motorcycle manufacturers, it may be possible for you to take the RiderCourse at a greatly reduced cost.

Honda Riders Club, Riders of Kawasaki and Harley Owners Group have more in common than just motorcycles. Each has its own incentive program designed to benefit RiderCourse graduates. Contact your dealer or these organizations for more details.

To register or obtain additional course information:

Visit the DMV website at www.dmv.vermont.gov

**or
Call:**

**In VT 1-800-529-2535
Outside VT 1-802-828-2913**

Courses are offered from April until September.
Advanced registration is recommended.