

*State of Vermont  
Agency of Transportation  
Department of Motor  
Vehicles*

# Vermont Rider Education Program



*Training A New Generation  
of Motorcyclists*  
**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 the following instructional courses to make your motorcycling safer and more enjoyable.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **BASIC RIDER COURSE (BRC):**

This 18-hour course is for novice riders and those with limited riding experience, as well as riders who haven't ridden for some time. The course, which includes a combination of riding exercises and classroom discussions, teaches the basic skills needed to operate a motorcycle in traffic.

The course begins by familiarizing students with the location and operation of controls. Students then 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, textbooks and helmets, if needed, are provided for this course. 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**.

**Equipment Requirements:** DOT approved helmet (if you do not have a helmet VREP will have one available for you to use during the course); over the ankle footwear; long sturdy

pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; sturdy full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

**Completion Requirements:** 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 their motorcycle endorsement**.

**The fee for the BRC is \$160.**

### **INTERMEDIATE RIDER COURSE (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 and helmets, if needed, are provided for this course.

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

**Equipment Requirements:** Same as BRC

**Completion Requirements:** Passing score on skills test.

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 \$75.**

### **EXPERIENCED RIDER LICENSE WAIVER COURSE (ERC-LICENSE WAIVER):**

This one-day course is designed for riders who do not possess a driver's license with 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 and in good mechanical condition. Students not wishing to use their own motorcycle may use a program motorcycle for an additional fee.

**Required riding gear includes:** DOT approved helmet; over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long-sleeved shirt or jacket; full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

**Completion Requirements:** Passing score on both knowledge and skills tests.

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: \$85**  
**Students using a program motorcycle: \$95**

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### **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 and in good mechanical condition.

**Required riding gear includes:** DOT approved helmet; over the ankle footwear; long sturdy pants; long-sleeved shirt or jacket; full-fingered gloves; protective eyewear.

**Completion Requirements:** Passing score on skills test.

**The fee for the ERC-Plus is \$70.**

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### **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:** Passing home study assignments, skill and knowledge tests and student teaching assignments.

Students 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 VREP Program Coordinator at 802-828-2068.

**To register or obtain additional course information:**

**Visit the DMV web site at [www.dmv.vermont.gov](http://www.dmv.vermont.gov)**

**or call:**

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

Courses are offered from April until October.

Advanced registration is recommended.

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## **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, BMW of North America, Kawasaki Good Times Owners Club 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.