

Vermont Rider Education Program



Basic Rider Course



Basic RiderCourse (BRC)



Frequently asked questions

What is the Vermont Rider Education Program Basic RiderCourse?

The Basic RiderCourse is a motorcycle-training course for novice riders and those with limited riding experience, as well as riders who haven't ridden for some time. This course, containing a combination of riding exercises and classroom time, teaches the basic skills needed to operate a motorcycle in traffic. Students successfully completing this course will be exempt from taking the state required motorcycle written test and skill exam.

Why should I take the Basic RiderCourse?

The course will teach you to become a safe and responsible motorcyclist. Successful completion of the course enables you to obtain your motorcycle endorsement without further testing. You may also be eligible for a discount on your motorcycle insurance.

What are the requirements to enroll in a Vermont Rider Education Program BRC course?

Basic RiderCourse students are required to have a valid Vermont driver's license.

How much does the Basic RiderCourse cost?

\$185.00

- The DMV skills test fee of \$18.00, knowledge test of \$7.00 and motorcycle endorsement fee are included in the Basic RiderCourse fee.

Do I have to enroll in a course or do I just show up on a scheduled date?

It is best to enroll in a Vermont Rider Education Program course to be guaranteed an opening in the course you wish to attend. Many courses fill quickly and once full additional students cannot be added to the course.

You can show up for a scheduled course and attempt to attend on a standby basis. Standbys are added to a course only when there is an available opening and are taken on a first come first served basis. Openings may be available if a course does not have the maximum number of allowed students scheduled to attend or if a scheduled student fails to show for a course.

How do I enroll in a Vermont Rider Education Program course?

Call 800-529-2535 or 802-828-2913 to have course schedules and registration information mailed to you. You can also register for a course online through the DMV website www.dmv.vermont.gov

Do I need a motorcycle to take the Basic RiderCourse?

Motorcycles are provided for students taking a BRC.

Can I use my own motorcycle when taking the Basic RiderCourse?

You must use a program motorcycle when participating in a BRC. If you wish to take a motorcycle-training course using your own motorcycle please enroll in an Experienced Rider Skills Plus or Experienced Rider License Waiver Course.

Am I required to have my own helmet to take the Basic RiderCourse?

Helmets are provided to students needing one for all Vermont Rider Education Program courses.

Can I use my own helmet?

Yes, 3/4 or full-face helmets meeting Department of Transportation (DOT) standards for motorcycle helmets can be used during a course. A motorcycle helmet meeting these requirements will have a DOT sticker on it. If you do not have a proper helmet the program will have one available for you to use during the course.

What equipment do I need to bring with me when I take the Basic RiderCourse?

You will be required to bring the following riding gear; 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; over the ankle footwear (not canvass); long sturdy pants; long sleeved shirt or jacket; full fingered gloves; protective eye wear.

Are classes conducted in inclement weather?

Yes, Vermont Rider Education Program courses are held as scheduled during inclement weather, unless the program determines the conditions are not safe for the participants.

I am under 18 years of age. Can I enroll in a course?

Yes, as long as you have a valid driver's license. Students under the age of 18 will be required to have a parent/guardian sign a course waiver form at the beginning of the course.

Do I need a motorcycle permit to take a Basic RiderCourse?

Students enrolling in a Basic RiderCourse are not required to have a motorcycle permit.

I have a motorcycle permit. Will I be required to pass the Basic RiderCourse written test to pass the course?

Yes, the Vermont Rider Education Program and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation require students to pass the Basic RiderCourse written and skill tests to successfully complete the course.

Do I get my motorcycle endorsement if I pass the Basic RiderCourse?

Students successfully completing the Basic RiderCourse will have the motorcycle endorsement added to their Vermont driver's license without further testing.

After successfully completing the Basic RiderCourse how do I get the motorcycle endorsement added to my license?

Pre-enrolled students successfully completing the course will have the motorcycle endorsement added to their Vermont license at the end of the course.

Students added to the course on a standby basis will have a completion card mailed to them in about 10 days. These students must take the completion card to a Department of Motor Vehicles office to have the motorcycle endorsement added to their Vermont driver's license.