

Vermont Rider Education Program



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Frequently asked questions

What are the Vermont Rider Education Program Experienced Courses?

- ♦ The Experienced Rider License Waiver Course is a one-day course designed for riders who do not possess a driver's license endorsed for motorcycle operation. Students successfully completing this course will be exempt from taking the state required motorcycle skill exam.

The Experienced Rider License Waiver 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 Basic Rider Course) prior to attending this course. Students attending this course that are not able to demonstrate these basic skills will not be allowed to continue

- ♦ Experienced Rider Skills Plus Course is a one-day course designed for riders who already possess a motorcycle endorsement and frequently ride.

Both courses include 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.

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

- ♦ Students enrolling in an Experienced Rider License Waiver Course must have a valid Vermont driver's license and a valid motorcycle permit.
- ♦ Students enrolling in an Experienced Rider Skills Plus Course must have a valid Vermont driver's license endorsed for motorcycle operation.

How much do the Experienced Rider Courses cost?

Experienced Rider License Waiver Course

- ♦ Students using their own motorcycle - \$95.00
- ♦ Students using a program motorcycle - \$105.00
- ♦ DMV skills test fee of \$18.00 and endorsement fee are included in the Experienced Rider License Waiver Course fee.

Experienced Rider Skills Plus Course - \$80.00

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. However, you can show up for a scheduled course and attempt to attend on a standby basis. Standbys are added to courses if there is an opening available and are taken on a first come first served basis.

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 an Experienced Rider License Waiver or Skills Plus Course?

Experienced Rider License Waiver Course

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ If you are using your own motorcycle you will be required to show the instructors a valid registration certificate and a valid insurance card prior to the start of the course. If the motorcycle you are using for the course does not belong to you, then you will be required to show written permission, from the owner, to use the motorcycle during the course.

Experienced Rider Skills Plus Course

- ♦ Motorcycles must be currently registered, inspected, insured, in good mechanical condition and meet Vermont inspection standards. You will be required to show the instructors a valid registration certificate and a valid insurance card prior to the start of the course. If the motorcycle you are using for the course does not belong to you, you will also be required to show written permission from the owner, to use the motorcycle during the course.

What equipment do I need to bring with me when I take an Experienced Rider Course?

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 canvas); 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 Vermont Rider Education Program course?

Students enrolling in an Experienced Rider License Waiver Course must have a valid Vermont motorcycle permit.

Do I get my motorcycle endorsement if I pass an Experienced Rider License Waiver Course?

Students successfully completing the Experienced Rider License Waiver Course will have the motorcycle endorsement added to their Vermont driver's license without further testing.

After successfully completing the Experienced Rider License Waiver Course 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.