

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L3 - How to obtain a class “R(r)” Rider Licence

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Class “R(r)” (Restricted Rider Licence) – Definition for Licensing Purposes

“A motor vehicle that has been registered as a Motorcycle and has been approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles as a Learner Approved Motorcycle.”

Class “R(r)” will not permit you to carry passengers for hire or reward.

Points to Note

- Before you can be issued with a class “R(r)” licence for the first time, you will need to hold a current class “R(r)” Learner Licence.
- You will need to have held your class “R(r)” Learner Licence for a minimum of 6 consecutive months immediately prior to booking, or undertaking, your Practical driving test.
- When you consider that your riding knowledge and skills are adequate, you will need to make a booking for the practical test. Practical tests are conducted at selected MVR offices, agencies or Police Outstations in remote areas. Tests must be booked in advance, with the test fee being payable at the time of booking. Failure to attend for a scheduled test, without reasonable notice, may result in forfeiture of the test fee. Failed tests may be re-booked at any time on payment of a new test fee.
- Bookings for practical tests may be made at any MVR Office either in person, or by phone if you have a current credit card. Police Outstation bookings should be made by arrangement with the local Police officers.
- Riding methods should be in accordance with the System of Vehicle Control that is detailed in the Learner Driver’s Guide. This guide is incorporated within the NT Road User Handbook which is available for purchase from MVR offices and Police Outstations, or can be downloaded for free from www.mvr.nt.gov.au. The testing process currently in use is designed to assess the riders’ ability to use a systematic approach in maintaining safe and legal riding standards.
- Tests conducted to this standard will include an observed ride of approximately 20 minutes duration, during which the candidate is expected to exhibit standard defensive riding habits.
- The motorcycle that you supply for the test must be a Learner Approved Motorcycle that is registered and roadworthy. An “L” plate must be fitted to, and clearly visible from, the rear of the motorcycle.
- When you attend for the practical test you must bring your current Learner Licence and test fee receipt. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the test and forfeiture of the test fee.
- You must provide an approved motor cycle users helmet. The helmet will be inspected to ensure that it complies with the Australian Standard for Safety Helmets as issued by Standards Australia (AS 1698).
- When you pass your practical test, and on payment of a standard licence fee, you will be issued with your class “R(r)” licence. If you don’t already hold any other open class of licence, your licence will be provisional and all Provisional Licence conditions will apply.

- If the event that your driver licence card is lost/misplaced and the card is returned to MVR (e.g. by someone from the place where you have left your card behind, Police, etc), the card will be destroyed. You will need to reapply and pay the prescribed fee for a replacement card.
- As the holder of a class “R(r)” licence you will be restricted to riding only Learner Approved Motorcycles. A list of Learner Approved Motorcycles is available from MVR offices or via Information Bulletin [L39 LAMS – List of Approved Motorcycles](#).
- As the holder of a class “R(r)” licence you are not permitted to carry pillion passengers.
- When 12 months has lapsed, the (r) restriction will be automatically removed from your driver licence record. You are then able to legally ride a motorcycle of any engine capacity, with or without a sidecar attached.
- Another option to obtaining a class “R(r)” licence would be to successfully undertake the METAL Basic and Intermediate Riding Courses. For details, talk to staff at your nearest MVR office.
- Under the Northern Territory Demerit Points Scheme (DPS) if you hold an open class of licence your action trigger point is set at 12 or more demerit points within any 3 year period. If your licence is provisional your action trigger point is set at 5 demerit points or more within 12 months. If you don't reach this trigger you will be subject to 12 points within a 3 year trigger. See [Information Bulletin L28 – NT DPS and How it Affects You](#).

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