

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L41 – Motorcyclist Education Training And Licensing METAL Program Information

What is METAL?

The Motorcyclist Education Training And Licensing (METAL) program provides rider training and assessment in the Northern Territory (NT). It is partially funded by Territory Insurance Office (TIO) through the Motor Accident Compensation Scheme, and administered by Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR).

The METAL program is available in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine (limited basis only).

What courses are available through METAL?

There are four courses available in the METAL program, which are as follows -

BASIC RIDING COURSE

This course is designed to provide a novice rider with the necessary knowledge and skills to achieve the standard required for the issue of a Restricted Rider "R(r)" Learner licence.

- In Darwin area, courses are conducted over a three-day period:

Friday night	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	theory
Saturday	8.00 am - 3.30 pm	theory and practical
Sunday	8.00 am - 12.00 noon	practical
- If you are in Alice Springs or Katherine you will need to contact the local MVR office for the course schedule in your area.
- You must be at least 16 years of age to be eligible to attend this course. If this is your first licence (i.e. you do not hold or have never held an Australian licence of any class), you are encouraged to pass the entry level knowledge test based on NT Road Laws prior to attending this course. Theory tests may be attempted up to 1 hour before closing time at all MVR offices, excluding Greatorex office in Alice Springs (no testing facilities available). No bookings are necessary. See [Information Bulletin L1 – How to Obtain a class "C" or class "R\(r\)" Learner licence](#) for more information.
- Motorcycles and helmets are provided.
- Minimum of 4 students are required per course.
- The course fee is \$95.00
- Midweek courses may be available in Darwin depending on the number of students and the availability of instructors.

TRANSITIONAL RIDING COURSE

This is a skills-based course designed to offer “R(r)” Learner licence holders with on-road riding experience in order to increase their confidence and road craft skills whilst riding in traffic. There is **NO** licence outcome for this course.

- In the Darwin area, courses are conducted on a Sunday between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm (practical only). Note that this is subject to change depending on the availability of instructors.
- If you are in Alice Springs or Katherine you will need to contact the local MVR office for the course schedule in your area.
- It is a prerequisite that you have successfully completed the METAL Basic course and hold a current “R(r)” Learner licence.
- Motorcycles and helmets are provided, although you may use your own motorcycle and helmet provided the motorcycle meets the requirements of your licence and is registered and road worthy, and your helmet is of an Approved type in good condition.
- Minimum of 4 students are required per course.
- The course fee is \$55.00

INTERMEDIATE RIDING COURSE

This course is designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills required to ride safely on public roads. Successful students are eligible for upgrade to a Restricted Rider “R(r)” licence.

- In the Darwin area, courses are conducted over a two-day period:

Friday night	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	theory
Saturday	8.00 am – 4.00 pm	theory and practical
- If you are in Alice Springs or Katherine you will need to contact the local MVR office for the course schedule in your area.
- It is a prerequisite that you have successfully completed the METAL Basic course and that you have held your “R(r)” Learner licence for a continuous period of 6 months immediately prior to booking.
- Motorcycles and helmets are provided, although you may use your own motorcycle and helmet provided the motorcycle meets the requirements of your licence and is registered and road worthy, and your helmet is of an Approved type in good condition.
- Training includes a suburban ride.
- Minimum of 4 students are required per course.
- The course fee is \$95.00

ADVANCED SKILLS RIDING COURSE

This course is designed to offer existing Rider licence holders with rider training to enhance their motorcycle control skills, road craft techniques and motorcycle knowledge. There is **NO** licence outcome for this course.

- In the Darwin area, courses are conducted over a one-day period, usually on a Sunday. Midweek courses are available dependant on customer demand and instructor availability.:
- If you are in Alice Springs or Katherine you will need to contact the local MVR office for course days and time.
- You must hold a current “R” or “R(r)” licence to be eligible to attend this course.
- You are encouraged to use your own helmet and a registered and roadworthy motorcycle of a type suitable to your licence ; however, motorcycles and helmets are provided if required.
- The course fee is \$95.00

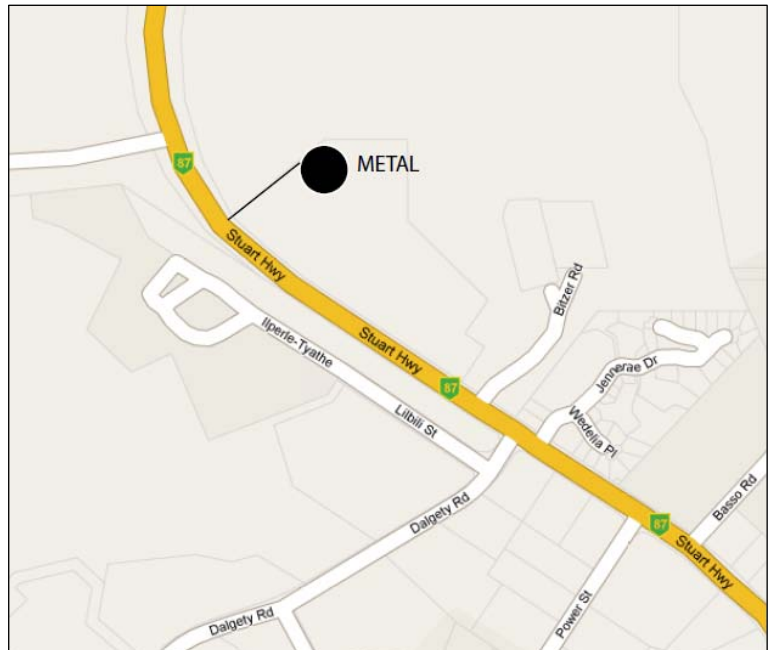
Where are the METAL courses conducted?

Courses are conducted at the following locations -

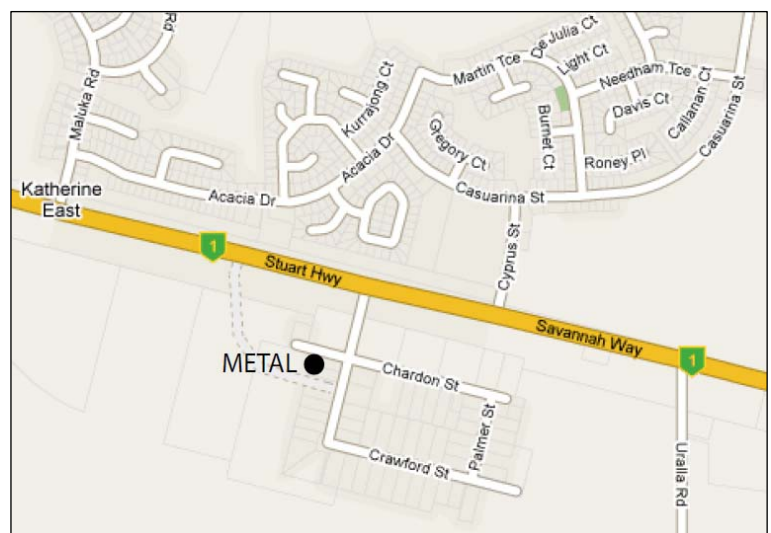
Darwin - Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex



Alice Springs - Motor Vehicle Registry, North Stuart Highway



Katherine - Chardon Street



How do I book a METAL course?

You can make your booking at any MVR office. Payment is accepted by cash, money order, cheque, MasterCard, Visa or EFTPOS.

Alternatively, you may contact the MVR Call Centre on 1300 654 628. Payment over the phone is accepted by MasterCard or Visa only.

For cancellation or rebooking, you must notify MVR at least 24 hours prior to commencement of your course. Failure to do so will forfeit your course payment.

Failure to punctually attend any part of your course will also forfeit your course payment.

What does METAL supply?

Motorcycles and helmets are provided for all courses. However, you are encouraged to use your own registered and roadworthy motorcycle under the Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS). See [Information Bulletin – L38 Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme \(LAMS\)](#) for more information.

You will be required to complete the METAL indemnity form should you choose to use your own LAMS motorcycle.

What do I need to bring?

You will need to bring:

- a note paper,
- a pen,
- your course receipt, and
- your current Northern Territory licence or Evidence of Identity e.g. birth certificate, passport, interstate licence.

Lunch break is approximately between 12.00 noon and 1.00pm. You may bring your own or leave the complex to obtain lunch.

What do I wear on a METAL course?

The following compulsory dress standard applies to all METAL courses.

Failure to comply with this standard will result in cancellation of your attendance and forfeiture of your course payment.

Minimum Standard:

Trousers	Jeans or similar of ankle length
Shirt	Long sleeved heavy duty material, which must be able to be fastened at the front and wrists.
Gloves	Leather - minimum standard, "Rigger" style gloves. Riggers gloves are available for purchase at the METAL training centre at an additional cost however students are encouraged to purchase gloves of their own choice prior to the course to ensure user comfort.
Footwear	Enclosed footwear, minimum of sandals or joggers in good condition.
Eye Protection	Essential - Minimum standard sunglasses.

Highly Recommended Optional Items:

Jacket	Students are strongly urged to wear purpose made motorcyclist jackets eg. Leather, composite materials or at the very least denim or a similar sturdy material as these courses involve riding at speed and long sleeved shirts may not be adequate protection.
Scarf	Light weight scarf or piece of material for the back of the neck as protection from the sun.
Hat	Lightweight hat, necessary for sun protection when not riding
Sun Protection	Sunscreen and lip cream
Rainwear	If required

What happens if it is raining?

Rainy weather (including heavy rain) does not normally result in cancellation of a course. Only if extreme or unsafe conditions exist will a course be cancelled.

If in doubt, contact your local MVR office or Darwin METAL Complex (weekends only).

What happens if I crash?

You are covered under the Motor Accidents Compensation Scheme in the event of an injury resulting from a crash while participating in the METAL program. Please contact TIO for further information.

Contact Details	
Motor Vehicle Registry	
Telephone	1300 654 628
Darwin METAL Complex (weekends only)	(08) 8947 2963
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