

Annexes

1. You and your bicycle

Make sure that you feel confident of your ability to ride safely on the road. Be sure that

- you choose the right size and type of cycle for comfort and safety
- lights and reflectors are kept clean and in good working order
- tyres are in good condition and inflated to the pressure shown on the tyre
- gears are working correctly
- the chain is properly adjusted and oiled
- the saddle and handlebars are adjusted to the correct height.

You **MUST**

- ensure your brakes are efficient
- ensure a working bell or horn is fitted
- at night, use lit front and rear lights and have a red rear reflector.

Laws RV(T)R reg 7 & RVLR reg 21

Cycle training can help both children and adults, especially those adults returning to cycling to develop the skills needed to cycle safely on today's roads.

All cyclists should consider the benefits of undertaking cycle training. For information, contact your local Department of the Environment Road Safety Education Office.

2. Motorcycle licence requirements

If you have a provisional motorcycle licence or a full car licence you may ride motorcycles up to 125cc and 11kW power output, with L plates on public roads. To obtain your full motorcycle licence you **MUST** pass a motorcycle theory test and then a practical test.

If you have a full moped licence and wish to obtain full motorcycle entitlement you will be required to take a motorcycle

theory test if you did not take a separate theory test when you obtained your moped licence. You **MUST** then pass a practical motorcycle test.

Law MV(DL)R reg 31(1)

Light motorcycle licence (A1): you take a test on a motorcycle of between 75 and 120cc. If you pass you may ride a motorcycle up to 125cc with power output up to 11kW.

Standard motorcycle licence (A): if your test vehicle is between 120 and 125cc and capable of more than 62 mph (100 km/h) you will be given a standard (A) licence. You will then be restricted to motorcycles of up to 25 kW for two years, not counting any periods of disqualification or revocation. After two years you may ride any size of machine.

You **MUST NOT** carry a pillion passenger or pull a trailer until you have passed your test.

Law MV(DL)R reg 12

Moped licence requirements

A moped **MUST** have an engine capacity not exceeding 50cc, not weigh more than 250kg and be designed to have a maximum speed not exceeding 31mph (50km/h). From June 2003 all EC Type Approved mopeds have been restricted to 28mph (45km/h).

Law RTO 1981 (as amended) Art 19D

To ride a moped, learners **MUST**

- be 16 or over
- have a provisional moped licence.

You **MUST** first pass the theory test for motorcycles and then the moped practical test to obtain your full moped licence.

If you have a full car licence or motorcycle licence you are qualified to ride a moped without L plates.

Note. For motorcycle and moped riders wishing to upgrade, the following gives exemption from taking the motorcycle theory test

- a full A1 motorcycle licence gained on or after 1/1/97
- a full moped licence gained on or after 1/7/96.

Law MV(DL)R regs 27(3), 31 & 32