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Vehicle on Road Test
for
R and R-Date Class Motorcycles and Trikes



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Background/Context

Rider Safe is the Government's compulsory motor bike rider training program for all novice motorcyclists.

Attendance at the program is mandatory for any person seeking to obtain a motorcycle licence if they reside within 100 kilometres from a Rider Safe training centre.

When a learner resides outside the 100km catchment area for Rider Safe, a learner's permit for an R-Date class is issued. The learner is exempt from undertaking the Basic and Advanced Rider Safe courses.

As a result, the learner must undertake a R-Date Vehicle on Road Test (VORT) on a motorcycle, which can be conducted by an Authorised Examiner appointed to undertake motorcycle riding assessments, or an appropriately licensed Police Officer (the Police Officer must hold the licence class for which they are testing or higher).

Requirements for the R and R-Date Vehicle on Road Test

The R and R-DATE practical driving test:

- A person must be at least 19 years of age to be issued an R or R-Date licence class. If the person is under 19 years advise the client of the age requirement and book the test close to the client turning 19.
- Must only be provided to a person who is required to travel over 100 km to a Rider Safe course and is the holder of an R-Date learners permit or eligible to undertake the R-date VORT.
- For R-Date, must be conducted on a motorcycle that meets the criteria of the [South Australian Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme \(LAMS\)](#), and
- Must be conducted on an existing class C (car) VORT route if one is available. If a VORT route is not available every effort, having regard to the location, must be made by the Authorised Examiner to ensure that traffic and road conditions ensure the applicant has the opportunity to demonstrates sufficient skills during assessment.

Before conducting the R-Date Vehicle on Road Test

Permit check

Before starting, the learner's permit needs to be checked to ensure that it is current, the correct person, etc.

As this type of test is often an upgrade of class to an existing licence, paper permits may be encountered because the learner already holds a licence.

Ensure that this type of permit is signed and check the details against the photo licence or other identification.

Note: Paper permits will be discontinued from 22 November 2021. All permits issued from this date will be a photo permit, however there will still be a number of paper permits in circulation for a short period.

Learner riders can also present their learner's permit in a digital form on their MySA Gov app. The rider can be asked to "shake" their phone to validate the permit details presented on screen.

Ensure that the learner still resides in a Rider Safe excluded area. E.g the learner should be asked to provide additional evidence that they still reside outside of the Rider Safe catchment area. If they cannot provide current evidence or they have moved to a Rider Safe area the learner must complete the Advanced Rider Safe course before being eligible for the issue of a R-Date licence or R licence.

Note: The permit must be given back to the learner before starting as it is a legal requirement for the learner to carry the permit when riding.

Vehicle check

A complete check on the motorcycle must be performed before commencing the VORT. The check needs to include the following:

- The motorcycle must be LAMS approved (for R-Date)
- Left and right indicators *
- Brake light *
- Warning device *
- Registration - must be current (check using Ezyreg app on your phone)
- "L" plate if required - Rear only on motorcycles
- Tyres - Clearly visible tread pattern etc, and
- Mirrors (2) - Ensure that these allow a view around the rider.

** As motorcycle electrics can vary considerably, the checks are best performed with the engine running.*

Note: Undertaking the assessment on a motorcycle with an automatic or semi-automatic transmission (e.g. 'postie bike') will result in a motorcycle licence restricted to these types of motorcycle. This must be noted on the Assessment Sheet under "Make: Auto/Manual".

Conducting the R-Date Vehicle on Road Test

Pre-test instructions

In addition to instructions regarding stopping (see Direction Driving), the learner needs to be asked to do the following to allow the examiner to correctly mark the test:

- Make mirror checks obvious with head movements
- Signal and brake at the correct time
- Obey all legal and safety requirements regarding positioning and turning
- Move head from side to side when checking traffic conditions at intersections etc
- Exercise correct observation and judgement techniques at intersections etc. “**GO** when you can but **WAIT** when you have to.”
- Travel at the fastest speed that is safe and legal with consideration of traffic conditions, and
- If a direction is forgotten, use the correct stopping technique and ask for a repeat.

Direction Giving

The examiner will provide the learner driver three to four directions after which they are to stop. The examiner will follow behind, at a safe distance, in another vehicle. When stopped at the agreed location the examiner will mark the performance of the client on the R and R-Date recording sheet.

Note: A special procedure is necessary when the learner needs to stop to be given more directions etc.

It is recommended that the learner be asked to stop as soon as possible after completion of the last direction leaving enough space for the examiner to park behind them. The examiner will then stop in the space provided.

The examiner should exit the vehicle and meet the learner at the front of the vehicle to provide more directions.

The examiner will repeat the above until the R-Date VORT is completed.

Note: Getting lost or separated can be a problem during this type of test so only three to four directions are given at any one time.

The examiner should pre-arrange with the client what to do should they become separated.

It should be stressed to the learner before starting that it is **their** responsibility to prevent separation as much as possible by frequently checking for the examiner’s presence in the mirror and listening for the horn etc. The learner should be asked **not** to ride in a different manner to normal to prevent becoming separated e.g. they **should not** ride slower.

In the event that separation is caused by traffic conditions, direct the learner to pause by the side of the road until the examiner is in a position to resume observation, then the learner may continue.

The learner should also be advised that if they attempt to go in the wrong direction, the examiner will flash the headlights and sound the horn, but will then take the correct turn, stop immediately and wait at least five minutes for the learner to backtrack. If no contact is made with the learner during this time, a further test will need to be booked (but no fail result will be recorded).

Scoring the R-Date Vehicle On Road Test

The R and R-Date Practical Driving Assessment Motorcycles and Trikes form is to be used for scoring the assessment.

Complete the assessment sheet using the details copied from the learner's permit and the motorcycle itself.

The assessment sheet is marked by using a series of crosses for any mistakes that are made.

- Major errors such as failing to give way or dangerous riding attract 20 points and result in an immediate fail.
- Minor errors such as missed signals or poor turns attract 1 point each.
- Some more significant errors attract a score of five (5) points each (these are identified on the scoring sheet).

Assessment items

Items to assess under “Motorcycles” on the assessment sheet

- *Fails to use front brake* - Throughout the ride the learner is required to demonstrate the use of correct braking techniques. This involves simultaneous use of both front and rear brakes when stopping or slowing. At every opportunity the examiner should endeavour to see if the learner is using the front brake in particular.

Failure to use the front brake during the ride will result in a fail being recorded.

Note: The “two fingers only” method of braking is preferred. If possible, the examiner should also try to see if this method is being used to apply the brakes during the assessment.

- *Fails to use footbrake hill start* - refer to EXERCISES ASSESSMENT
- *Insufficient control starting or stopping* - Used for minor wobbles when stopping and starting, scooting (two feet) off the mark or when coming to a stop etc.

Continual problems with control should result in an immediate fail for dangerous riding.

- *Rides between stationary vehicles* - not allowed at any stage (learners are not permitted to lane filter). ***Immediate fail***
- *Turning around in road* - refer to EXERCISES ASSESSMENT

Other sections of the assessment sheet to score

The standard to be applied for the following is similar to Class C (car) VORT, however particular emphasis should be placed on the advantages of using the best position on the road for maximum safety and the need to vary this according to traffic and conditions.

- *Moving off*
- *Stopping*
- *Gear changing*
- *Straight forward driving (riding)*
- *Overtaking*
- *Lane Driving*
- *Turning to the left / right / diverging and traffic lights / signals.*

Exercises assessment

During the ride, the learner is also required to demonstrate a Moving Off Uphill exercise and a series of U turns (Turning around in road).

Moving off uphill

This is performed from a position close to and parallel with the kerb or side of the road.

The correct set up before attempting to move off should be with the motorcycle in first gear, left foot on ground, right foot on the footbrake, leaving the hands free to operate throttle and clutch etc.

Moving off is then done using the standard Mirror, Signal, Observation, Judgment principle.

What to look for:

- *Fails to use footbrake - hill start*
- *Fails to check road behind* - Mirror and blind spot checks should be performed
- *Fails to give correct signal* – five seconds, however consider context, was the signal adequate given the road conditions (did it or did it not create a potential road safety issue)
 - **Yes – signal fault, one point**
 - **No – Immediate fail item 20 points.**
- *Fails to engage correct gear*
- *Fails to release “handbrake”* (in this case, the rear foot operated brake)
- *Rolls backwards / forwards, and*
- *Insufficient or excessive revs.*

Turning around in road

This is conducted over a series of U turns (usually four) conducted in a reasonably narrow stretch of road.

The applicant is asked to do one U turn, ride straight for a short distance and then do another. This procedure is then repeated.

Note: “Figure 8’s” are not requested, as they are technically illegal to do on the road.

What to look for-

- *Puts foot down* – Before starting, the learner should be cautioned to avoid putting feet on the ground **if possible** as this is a balance exercise.
- *Insufficient / excessive revs or stalling.*
- *Crosses boundary of carriageway - **An immediate fail will result.***
- *Strikes or mounts kerb causing loss of balance etc. **An immediate fail will result.***
- *Failure to use mirrors, signals, do blind spot checks etc*

Pass and fail scores

- A score of nineteen (19) or less is considered a pass.
- A score of twenty (20) or more is deemed to be a fail.

Feedback to the applicant

An examiner should provide feedback on the assessment regardless if it is a pass or fail, however if it is a pass an applicant may not be interested in any feedback.

The examiner must provide a copy of the assessment scoring sheet to the applicant. As the scoring sheet is not carbon copied a physical copy cannot be provided to the applicant at the time, however the examiner should arrange with the applicant for a copy to be made available. This could be done by:

- Scanning and sending by email
- The applicant taking a photo at the time
- Photocopy mailed to the applicant, or
- Another method available at the time.

Certificate of Competency

This is completed in a very similar manner to a class 'C' (car) certificate of competency. The main differences are:

- The Route Number is R01 (R zero one)
- The class is Rider-Date (abbreviated to R-Date) or unrestricted R
- An automatic or semi-automatic transmission (e.g. 'postie bike') must be entered, if the test is undertaken with a motorcycle with auto transmission then AUTO must be circled or written on the COC, and
- The engine capacity box must be completed.

Note: Remember the Rules Governing Authorised Examiners applies to the R or R-Date VORT including booking and record keeping.

Obtaining the licence

The learner then needs to send or take the Certificate of Competency, their learner's permit or temporary driving permit and their current licence (if they have one), to a Customer Service Centre to have their licence issued or updated and a new photo taken.

Fees and provisional conditions may apply.