

Information sheet 2016

The pre-provisional motorcycle test is designed to ensure motorcycle learners have developed and can demonstrate the safe riding skills, bike controls and behaviours required to obtain a P1 motorcycle licence.

The pre-provisional test can only be undertaken once you have held your motorcycle learner licence for a minimum continuous six-month period and have undertaken a motorcycle learner check ride.

The pre-provisional test involves:

- an off-road riding skill assessment; and
- an on-road safe riding assessment.

The off-road assessment checks your ability to safely control a motorcycle

This includes:

- a controlled stop;
- a sharp left turn;
- a slow ride;
- a change of path; and
- safe path through a curve and a quick stop.

On-road assessment

After demonstrating competency in all of the off-road tasks, your riding skills are then assessed on-road. The length of time is dependent on your location of the assessment, traffic and weather conditions.

In addition to motorcycle control, during the on-road ride you are assessed on your safe riding behaviours (roadcraft), including:

- observation skills;
- safe speed choice; and
- lane position.

You'll need to maintain control of your motorcycle at all times and demonstrate your understanding of the road rules. Any loss of control, dangerous behaviour or breach of the road rules will result in a failed assessment.

Observation skills

You are assessed on your ability to read the traffic, look for hazards and make safe decisions whilst riding.

Observation skills includes:

- performing 'head checks' when joining the traffic;
- turning at intersections;
- change lanes, merging and diverging;
- checking it is safe to proceed at intersections and traffic lights; and
- looking in direction of travel when moving off and turning.

Safe speed choice

Choosing a safe speed is critical to safe riding on-road. You'll be assessed on your ability to recognise and respond to situations where you need to slow down.

However, if traffic and weather conditions allow you'll need to demonstrate confidently travelling at the speed limit. You'll also need to maintain a safe gap when behind other vehicles at all times.

Lane position

Moving away (buffering) from hazards such as other vehicles and pedestrians is essential to safe riding.

You'll be assessed on your ability to choose a safe and legal position on the road that maximises space from hazards.