



COMPULSORY BASIC TRAINING INFORMATION

1) What is Compulsory Basic Training (CBT)?

The principle of CBT was introduced some years ago to help reduce the high accident rate among inexperienced motorcyclists. It ensures that every motorcyclist has learnt the basic skills of riding a motorcycle (under supervision) before being permitted to ride unsupervised on the public highway displaying L Plates. It is not designed to ensure that a rider is up to the standard that they should be to take a driving test - this will come in the period following the CBT with further practice and experience.

2) Who needs to complete a CBT course? Are there any exemptions?

If you hold a provisional licence in category P (moped), A1 (light motorcycle) or A (motorcycle), you **must not** ride a motorcycle on a public highway unless you have successfully completed an approved training course for motorcyclists (CBT) and have been issued a certificate of completion. The only exemption is if you have held a full A1 licence for at least 12 months and upgrade to a category A licence, in which case you don't have to undertake any such additional training. The fact that you must be the current holder of a full licence in an A1 category has implications if you have been disqualified from driving/riding (see questions 17 to 19 below).

If you wish to upgrade your existing licence to a higher category or you have previous motorcycling experience, you may only need to complete the Direct Access training course. This is a shortened course, which lasts approximately 2 hours.

If you have renewed a provisional motorcycle licence you will need to retake a CBT Direct Access course (see questions 10 to 13).

3) Regarding qualifying for a direct access course, what is deemed to be sufficient experience?

You will only qualify for a direct access course if you can satisfy the instructor (through discussion and practical demonstration) that you have sufficient proficiency, competency and previous experience **and** satisfy one or more of the following criteria:-

- You have carried out a full CBT course within the last 5 years
- You have previously carried out a full CBT course and have held a valid provisional or full motorcycle licence within the last 5 years and state that you have ridden during this period.

For all the above criteria, the experience must have been gained on a geared motorcycle if

you wish to ride that type of motorcycle. If you have only had previous experience of riding an automatic motorcycle you will be required to carry out the full CBT course if you wish to ride a geared motorcycle.

4) How do I book a CBT training course?

Bookings can be made on the Guernsey Motorcycle Training School website www.gmts.gg or GMTS can be contacted by leaving a message on the answer machine (tel. 257679) or by emailing at admin@gmts.gg

5) What are the fees for the courses?

The fees for the courses can be found on the GMTS website www.gmts.gg

6) Where are the courses held?

The courses are held on the tennis courts at the rear of the former St Peter Port school site at Les Ozouets.

7) What do the courses involve?

Details of the training course can be obtained from the GMTS website www.gmts.gg

8) What do I need to take with me to the CBT training course?

Full details can be obtained from the GMTS website www.gmts.gg

9) Can any motorcycle/moped be used for the training?

The motorcycle/moped you bring must be of the appropriate category covered by your provisional driving licence.

Also for safety reasons and because some motorcycles/mopeds are not representative of their class, they cannot be used for the course. These include (but not limited to) 'Thumps', the Honda 'Monkey Bike' and the Funtech 50 Scooter.

If you successfully complete a CBT course on an automatic motorcycle or moped you will be limited to riding an automatic machine only. If a CBT course is successfully completed on a geared machine, it will cover you to ride both a geared and an automatic motorcycle.

If you take a CBT course on a Category A motorcycle, then the engine must not exceed 300cc. You will need to make arrangements to undertake the training with an appropriate motorcycle. There is no restriction on the size of engine for a Direct Access course.

10) What do I have to do to renew my provisional motorcycle licence?

If you need to renew a provisional motorcycle licence you must apply within the period one month prior to the expiry of your licence. Applications made after the expiry date cannot be accepted and you will have to wait a period of one year before you are able to renew your provisional licence in that category.

When renewing your existing category of provisional motorcycle licence you may continue to drive or ride your motorcycle on the public highway but **must** re-sit the “Direct Access” training course **within the first month** of the renewed licence. Failure to do this within the first month will **invalidate your driving licence**. You will then have to wait until the licence expires and then wait a further 12 months before being able to apply for a licence in the same category. You would however, be able to apply for a motorcycle licence in a different category

11) When I have renewed my provisional motorcycle licence do I have to take further CBT training even if I have recently done CBT training and hold a valid CBT certificate?

Yes - A renewed licence will only be valid upon successful completion of a CBT Direct Access course during the first month after the commencement of the new licence, even if you have recently undertaken CBT training and hold a valid CBT certificate.

12) Am I still able to ride without a valid CBT certificate during the first month after the commencement of my new renewed licence?

Yes

13) What restrictions are there if I take the course on an automatic motorbike?

If a CBT course is successfully completed on an automatic motorcycle, you will be limited to riding an automatic machine only. If a CBT course is successfully completed on a geared motorcycle, it will cover you to ride both a geared and automatic motorcycle. Your CBT pass certificate should indicate this accordingly.

14) What provisional licence should I hold when I take the CBT training?

When undertaking CBT training you must hold the relevant provisional licence category for the cylinder capacity or maximum continuous electrical engine power of the motorcycle you are undertaking the training on. For example, if you only hold a provisional A1 category licence you cannot undertake training on a 50cc motorcycle that fits within a category P, even though it is a lower category. Only a **full** licence covers holders to ride lower category motorcycles. For example a full A Category licence covers P and A1 category machines, and a full A1 licence covers a P category machine.

15) Can a CBT certificate cover more than one category of provisional licence?

If you hold a valid CBT certificate for a higher motorcycle category you will be covered to ride (displaying L Plates) a motorcycle in a lower category, providing that you hold a provisional licence for both the higher category and the lower category/categories. For example, if you hold an A1 and P provisional licence and successfully complete a CBT course on a motorcycle that fits within an A1 category, you will be covered to ride motorcycles in either category (displaying L Plates). If you hold an A, A1 and P provisional licence and successfully completed CBT on a motorcycle that falls within an A category, you will be covered to ride all 3 motorcycles (displaying L Plates). Note: if you successfully complete a CBT course on an automatic motorcycle you will only be able to ride automatic motorcycles (even in the lower categories you may be covered for) For example, if you successfully completed CBT on an automatic category A motorcycle, you would not be covered to ride a geared A1 motorcycle. If a CBT course is successfully completed on a geared motorcycle, it will cover you to ride both geared and automatic motorcycles.

16) If I took out a provisional licence in a lower category and already hold a valid CBT certificate for a higher category do I need to undertake training again?

No, you would not be required to undertake the training again, unless you had previously undertaken the training on an automatic motorcycle and wanted to ride a manual motorcycle.

17) How long is a CBT certificate valid for?

2 years

18) If I have been convicted of a Schedule 1 offence do I need to successfully complete another CBT course before using my provisional licence in category P, A1 or A?

If you still have a **valid** CBT certificate in the relevant category, then you will not need to undertake the CBT. However, if the CBT certificate has expired then you will need to undertake a direct access course (as you have previous experience) before you can use your provisional licence.

19) If I have been convicted of a Schedule 1 offence do I have to successfully complete another CBT course before using a new provisional licence in category A, even if, prior to the disqualification, I have held an A1 licence for more than 12 months?

Yes, you must successfully complete the course, because you no longer hold a full category A1 licence.

20) What is a Schedule 1 offence?

It is an offence for which a driving test pass certificate must be produced before obtaining a full licence again. The offences are listed in Schedule 1 of the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1995

<http://www.guernseylegalresources.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=68175&p=0>

21) What motorcycles can I ride displaying L plates after successfully completing a CBT course?

This depends on the category of motorcycle the course was undertaken on and whether it was geared or automatic. It also depends on the provisional licence you hold. Please see table below for permutations:

Motorcycle CBT was successfully completed on	Provisional licence held	Motorcycle you can ride displaying L plates
P (Auto)	P	One that fits within the definition of a category P (auto only)
P (Manual)	P	One that fits within the definition of a category P
A1 (Auto)	A1	One that fits within the definition of a category A1 (auto only)
A1 (Auto)	P, A1	One that fits within the definitions of a category P or A1 (auto only)
A1 (Manual)	A1	One that fits within the definition of a category A1
A1 (Manual)	P, A1	One that fits within the definitions of a category P or A1
A (Auto)	A	One that fits within the definition of a category A (auto only)
A (Auto)	A1, A	One that fits within the definitions of a category A1 or A (auto only)
A (Auto)	P, A1, A	One that fits within the definitions of a P, A1 or A (auto only)
A (Auto)	P, A	One that fits within the definitions of a P or A (auto only)
A (Manual)	A	One that fits within the definition of a category A
A (Manual)	A1, A	One that fits within the definitions of a category A1 or A
A (Manual)	P, A1, A	One that fits within the definitions of a P, A1 or A
A (Manual)	P, A	One that fits within the definitions of a P or A

The definitions of the moped/motorcycles referred to in Column 3 are as follows:-

Category P Moped - Any two-wheeled or three wheeled vehicle which is powered by

- a) an internal combustion engine having a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimetres or
- b) an electrical engine having a maximum. continuous rated power not exceeding 4kW

Category A1 Light Motor Cycle – Any two-wheeled vehicle, with or without a side-car, with a maximum design speed of over 50 kilometres per hour or, if it powered by an internal combustion engine, with a cubic capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 125 cc, and of a power not exceeding 11 kilowatts

Category A Motor Cycle – Any two-wheeled vehicle, with or without side-car, with a cubic capacity exceeding 125 cc