# **NICK'S MOTORCYCLE TRAINING**

# **ACHIEVING EXPERIENCE SAFELY**

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## FACT SHEET 1 - CBT

#### WHAT IS IT?

The starting point for all learner motorcyclists and moped riders is the Compulsory Basic Training course (CBT). This was introduced in 1990 to help reduce the very high accident rate amongst inexperienced riders. CBT isn't a test and there's no exam - it's a course of training you're required to complete satisfactorily.

#### WHO HAS TO DO IT?

All learner motorcycle and learner moped riders must complete a CBT course before riding on the road. Also, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001, all new car drivers wishing to validate the full moped entitlement granted with a full car licence must complete a CBT course. The course is specifically designed for novice riders and is conducted by training organizations that have been approved by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA).

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Before undertaking a CBT course, you must be in possession of a valid driving licence showing provisional motorcycle entitlement (unless validating the moped entitlement on a full car licence). Provisional motorcycle entitlement on licences issued before the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001, expired after 2 years. The law has now changed and holders of such licences can apply to have their licence replaced with one that will include provisional motorcycle entitlement valid until aged 70. Replacement licences should be applied for from the DVLA, using the normal application forms available from the Post Office.

### WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The CBT course syllabus includes five elements. The five elements have to be completed in sequence, although the order of the exercises within the element can be varied. You will only move onto the next element when your instructor is satisfied that you have learnt the necessary theory and demonstrated the practical skills to a safe basic level.

### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END?

When all five elements are satisfactorily completed, a certificate of completion of training (DL1960) will be issued to the trainee. This is a legal document, which serves to validate the relevant entitlements on the driving licence and should be kept with the licence.

DL196 certificates issued on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001, validating a provisional moped or provisional motorcycle entitlement on a licence lasts for 2 years. CBT will need to be retaken if both theory and practical tests are not passed within the life of the certificate.

A DL196 certificate validating full moped entitlement on a full car licence is not subject to expiry, so the DL196 certificate should be retained with the driving licence as proof of that entitlement.

We can provide you with a motorcycle, insurance and all equipment.

This may all seem a bit daunting DON'T PANIC! Our aim is to train you to as safe a level as possible, whilst having as much fun as possible!