

## The Three-Wheel Basic Rider Course (3WBRC)

Do you currently operate a 3-wheeled motorcycle, or trike, or are you thinking of entering motorcycling on a 3-wheeler? Whether you are currently riding a trike and need a safety certification or are seeking training and licensing the Motorcycle Safety Program is now offering a Three-Wheel Basic Rider Course (3WBRC) at its training center located at the Glen Burnie Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Headquarters. This course is similar to the 2-wheel BRC, but the classroom sessions and range exercises are designed specifically for 3-wheelers.

Three-wheeled motorcycles are available in two primary configurations: The traditional "trike" has two wheels in the rear is based on a standard 2-wheel motorcycle; and reverse trikes that have 2-wheels in the front, such as the BRT Can Am Spyder. The 3WBRC can accommodate both types of vehicles. The 3WBRC cannot accommodate trikes that are more than 61 inches wide or have a wheelbase longer than 68 inches. To be used in the 3WBRC a vehicle must be able to be registered as a motorcycle with the MVA. Please contact the Program Office if you have a question as to whether your 3-wheeler can be used in the 3WBRC.

This 17-hour course is designed for the true novice rider who has little or no riding experience. It includes classroom and riding instruction on the basic riding skills and strategies necessary for an individual to begin to practice street riding. Courses are taught by Motor Vehicle Administration and Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified RiderCoaches.

During the seven hours of classroom time participants will discuss topics that include responsible riding, selecting proper riding gear and the basic riding skills. Other topics include defensive riding strategies and how to handle a variety of riding situations. Participants receive approximately 10 hours of riding practicing clutch-throttle control, stopping, turning, shifting, and basic crash avoidance skills.

Throughout the course the RiderCoaches will evaluate and coach each rider's performance. **Participants who do not achieve the minimum performance standards will not be allowed to continue in the course. To complete the course, riders must pass a knowledge and skill test administered at the end of the course.** Riders who pass will receive a Maryland Motorcycle Safety Program Completion Card. **There is no guarantee that an individual enrolling in this course will pass, or become eligible for a motorcycle license or endorsement.**

Participants in a 3WBRC should not ride their personal motorcycle to class unless done so legally. Please see the Program's [policy](#) about riding a motorcycle to class.

### Enrollment Requirements

- Individuals who possess a valid driver's license, a Class "M" (motorcycle) learner's permit or individuals that are eligible for a learner's permit may enroll in the 3-wheel

basic course. Parents or guardians of individuals under the age of 18 enrolling in the course must sign a consent/release form.

- Wear [protective clothing](#) (eye protection, suitable jacket, long pants, full-fingered gloves and over-the-ankle footwear) during the riding portion. Students are encouraged to bring their own helmets, but loan helmets are available at the centers. All helmets must be DOT certified, fit properly and in good condition with labeling intact. Course participants are to bring their riding gear to the first class session for evaluation by the course Instructor.
- Pay the [course registration fee](#) to be officially enrolled in a course. You may attempt to enroll in a course as a stand-by student by reporting to the center on the first day of the course and if selected paying the fee by credit or check card.

## Course Completion Requirements and Getting Your License

To pass the course you must participate in all the course sessions and pass a knowledge test and on-cycle test. Riders satisfactorily completing the 3-Wheel Basic Rider Course are eligible to receive a Maryland Completion Card and their [Class M license](#).

All registered participants will be mailed a Motorcycle Safety Foundation 3-Wheel Basic *RiderCourse* Student Handbook. To be prepared to participate in the first class session you must read pages 3 through 24, Types of Motorcycles through Range Safety Rules and RiderCoach Signals.

## General Information

- A motorcycle learner's permit is not required to participate.
- Individuals applying for a motorcycle license as a first license will still have to complete the requirements of the Graduated Licensing System and must be eligible to be issued a full license before their Class M License Certificate expires.
- Ideally participants in a 3WBRC are to provide their own vehicle to use in the course. An unregistered vehicle can be used, but it must be titled and insured and transported to and from the training center either on a trailer or in a truck. If you do not have access to a 3-wheeled motorcycle, please contact the Program office for possible options.
- Some insurance companies offer discounts on motorcycle premiums to course graduates.
- Course participants get approximately 17 hours of instruction, 7 hours in the classroom, and 10 hours on-cycle.
- The curriculum is approved by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and meets or exceeds the standards set by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.
- Course participants are required to report to all scheduled sessions regardless of weather.
- [Lateness policy](#).
- Participants are eligible for one retest of both tests.