

Before, During & After the Motorcycle

Manoeuvres Test

Before the Test

Booking the motorcycle manoeuvres test

Bookings for the new motorcycle manoeuvres test will commence on 24th November 2008 for tests being delivered from 8th December 2008. Motorcycle tests booked before 24th November 2008 will continue to be delivered as normal up to 4th December 2008. Bookings can be made via the Agency website, telephone booking line or by post.

From 8th December 2008, motorcycle tests will only be able to be booked upon successfully passing both the theory and the manoeuvres tests.

Paperwork you need to bring with you for the test

There are a number of documents which you need to produce at the start of the manoeuvres test to ensure that it is conducted legally. These documents must contain the relevant information and be valid for the day of the test.

You will need to produce;

- a valid theory test pass certificate (please note; this document is only valid for two years from the pass date of the theory test).
- A valid Northern Ireland (both the plastic and paper parts) or GB driving licence with the appropriate provisional entitlement or another acceptable form of identity. If your driving licence was issued outside

Northern Ireland and does not include your photograph you must produce additional photographic evidence of your identity. A description of documents that are acceptable is outlined in the following link [acceptable form of identity](#).

- The [Vehicle registration document](#) and [Vehicle test certificate \(MOT\)](#) (if required) for your vehicle. This is to confirm the vehicle being used during the test has the appropriate legal documentation.

Motorcycle Manoeuvres Test Content

The manoeuvres test includes the following exercises:

- A slow riding exercise, where the candidate rides alongside the examiner at walking pace.
- Slalom and figure of 8 exercises.
- Walking and riding 'U' Turn exercises and the use of motorcycle stands.
- A curve, ridden in second or third gear at a minimum speed of at least 30km/h (18.75mph).
- A combined avoidance and braking exercise at a minimum speed of 50km/h (31.25mph) and,
- An emergency braking exercise at a minimum speed of 50km/h (31.25mph).

Diagram of the test track layout

Please click below to see a diagram of the test track layout.

[Motorcycle Test Manoeuvres Test Track](#)

Test centres that carry out the Motorcycle Manoeuvres Test

There are 6 DVA sites from which the MCM test will take place:

[Mallusk](#), [Omagh](#), [Downpatrick](#), [Ballymena](#), [Londonderry](#) (Newbuildings) and [Craigavon](#).

The on-road test will continue to be delivered at all the current locations.

Insurance for the motorcycle and rider

On the day of the test you will be asked to sign an insurance declaration stating that the test vehicle is insured for the purposes of the test. Insurance of motorcycles and their drivers is a matter for the individual. The Department is not responsible for insuring anyone whilst undergoing any part of a driving test.

During the Test

Wearing protective clothing

The requirement for the wearing of protective clothing by trainees and test candidates during the motorcycle manoeuvres test will be the same as for the on-road test test. Candidates are required by law to wear a standard motorcycle helmet during the test.

Minimum speed requirement for a moped (category P)

Moped riders, (category P) will be required to meet a minimum speed requirement of 30km/h (18.75mph) to complete the avoidance and emergency braking exercise.

Control of the motorcycle during the Avoidance and Controlled Stop Exercise

The avoidance and controlled stop exercise is carried out in a safe off-road environment and the examiner will brief you fully on the exercise before you carry it out. You will know in advance where the obstacle you have to avoid is located. If you are unsure of what is required ask your examiner. As the rider you must plan ahead to complete the exercise according to test requirements and in safety.

After the Test

After passing the test

- Your examiner will give you a Motorcycle Manoeuvres Test Pass Certificate which is valid for 2 years.
- You must bring this along with your Theory Test Pass Certificate when you present yourself for the on-road motorcycle test.
- The validation period of the Motorcycle Manoeuvres test pass certificate does not amend the validation period of the theory test pass certificate.

This certificate does not allow you to claim full motorcycle licence entitlement.

You must pass the on-road test motorcycle test before you can claim full motorcycle licence entitlement.

You must still comply with all the conditions of a provisional licence.

If you have passed the motorcycle manoeuvres test using an automatic motorcycle the pass certificate is only valid for the on-road test motorcycle test on an automatic motorcycle.

If you have passed the motorcycle manoeuvres test using a category A motorcycle, the certificate is valid for the on-road test motorcycle test in category A, A1 or category P (moped).

If you have passed the motorcycle manoeuvres test using a category A1 motorcycle the certificate is only valid for the on-road test motorcycle test in category A1 or P (moped).

If you have passed the motorcycle manoeuvres test using a moped (category P) the certificate is only valid for an on road test in category P (moped).

Your examiner will give you a copy of your test report and will offer you a debrief on your test.

Your instructor is welcome to listen to the debrief.

If you fail the test

Unfortunately, you will have to retake the test.

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Your instructor is welcome to listen to the debrief.