

Motorcycle Learner Permit (ShortCourse)

COURSE CODE	NAPVRD0001
LOCATIONS	Sherwood Park (Warrnambool)
STUDY MODE	On Campus, Short Course
Length	Two days
Commencement	See next steps for upcoming dates
Timetable	Two consecutive days, 8.30am to 4.30pm each day

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

South West TAFE are accredited to deliver this VicRoads authorised motorcycle training and assessment course. The Motorcycle Permit Assessment (MPA) is a compulsory two day training assessment which must be attended in full. This is the first of three steps required to obtain a motorcycle licence (Learner Permit/Check Ride/Licence).

The assessment includes an on and off-road component, and a motorcycle learner permit knowledge test (KT1). In preparation for the Motorcycle Learner Permit knowledge assessment, it is recommended participants read the [Victorian Rider Handbook](#) which is available via VicRoads Office, newsagents or [online](#).

The course will provide you with professional instruction on the fundamentals of riding safely on the road, regardless of how well you ride or how long you have been riding. It is also recommended for those returning to riding after many years or those transitioning from dirt bike riding, and who may never have had any professional training.

You will improve your motorcycle skills and knowledge, with emphasis on the importance of correct driver attitudes and safety. Training is undertaken on a manual motorcycle provided by South West TAFE. It is crucial that you are wearing protective clothing to help keep you safe.

What will I Learn?

Day one (conducted fully on our training pad):

- the unique aspects of motorcycling
- basic riding skills - how to use controls, mirrors, brakes, gears, etc.
- mounting and dismounting a motorcycle
- straddle walking a motorcycle
- riding posture
- partner push (balancing and stopping a non-powered motorcycle)
- starting up and shutting down a motorcycle
- riding straight and stopping at a given point
- left and right turns
- changing gears
- road-craft tactics
- curves – look, slow down, gear down, move away and a discussion
- making choices
- slow riding – weaving, off-set weaving
- simulated road riding
- choosing personal protective equipment
- motorcycle rider knowledge test

Day two (including an on-road assessment):

- steering – change path straight, theory and change path curve
- braking – set up from a point to a point
- crash avoidance space (CAS)
- tactics and strategies

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

On successful completion of both the practical and knowledge assessments, you will be provided with a VicRoads Learner Permit Receipt, authorising you to operate a motorcycle*. The receipt is valid for up to three months or until your Learner Permit card is issued to you by VicRoads.

A Motorcycle Learner Permit is valid for 15 months or until you obtain a motorcycle licence. If you fail to complete your Motorcycle Licence Assessment within 15 months, you are required to retest to obtain another Motorcycle Learner Permit.

**Subject to subsequent licence/permit refusal, suspension or cancellation.*

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

To complete the Motorcycle Learner Permit assessment you:

- must be at least 18 years old
- be a Victoria resident
- cannot be disqualified from holding or getting a learner permit
- need to be medically fit to drive. If medical conditions need to be assessed by VicRoads, please allow 10 business days from submission of your VicRoads Medical Form to South West TAFE, before your Motorcycle Learner Permit course date.

If you do not hold a current Car Learner Permit or Drivers Licence, you are required to make a booking at VicRoads for a Car Learner Permit Knowledge test based on the 'Road to Solo Driving' Handbook. Proof of successful completion of this test must be provided to South West TAFE, prior to booking in the Motorcycle Learner Permit course.

For this course, you will need to:

Bring with you:

- photo ID (including date of birth) to the trainer on the first day of the course
- a pen and paper
- your Car Learner Permit or Drivers Licence or, if you don't have one, you need to bring proof of successful completion of a Car Learner Permit Knowledge Test at VicRoads

Wear appropriate protective clothing including:

- long sleeves and long pants, with no exposed skin
- a certified, approved motorcycle helmet (SWTAFE can provide these if you don't have one)
- eye protection – either the helmet visor down or protective eyewear
- a high visibility (hi-vis) vest or jacket (supplied by South West TAFE for training use)
- motorcycle gloves, secured at the wrists (SWTAFE can provide these if you don't have one)
- sturdy footwear with enclosed toes (no thongs/sandals/slippers, etc.)
- rainwear, if necessary.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid

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Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Motorcycle hire is included as part of the course fee.

Course Fees	\$640.00
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No concession or government funding applies

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$0.00

How do I pay for the short course?

You can book and pay for your place in this course by calling us on 1300 648 911 or visiting your nearest campus.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.

Upcoming course dates

Sherwood Park courses:

- Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 August 2025
- Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 August 2025
- Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 2025
- Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 October 2025
- Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 October 2025
- Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 November 2025
- Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 December 2025

How to book

There are two ways you can book:

1. **Visit a campus** – you can come into your nearest campus and take care of everything in one go: book, pay, and complete the paperwork in person.
2. **Pay over the phone** – Call our team to make payment and secure your place. You will still need to visit your [nearest campus](#) before your assessment to complete the required paperwork.