

Are you as capable as your bike?

It's easy to state that most accidents happen to riders of a particular age, on particular machines, in particular locations, but if we don't fit the stereotype it makes us complacent, when really, we could all do with brushing up on our skills from time to time. It's all too easy to fall into bad habits and forget your lifesavers or over cook it into a bend. Don't sell yourself short, refresh your skills and get back to having fun.

Treat yourself to training There are a number of options when it comes to getting further training. You can take a course with a recognised training scheme such as the **IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorcyclists)** or **RoSPA**. You can also train with one of the many Training Providers who offer post test courses. Some of these offer this training as well as pre-test courses, and others specialise in taking riders with a full licence and developing their riding skills.

Register of Post Test Motorcycle Trainers (RPMT)

DSA REGISTER OF POST-TEST

MotorcycleTrainers



Until recently there has been no specific qualification for Trainers operating in the post test market. However, the recent introduction of the RPMT has changed this. It is an initiative created by the **Driving Standards Agency (DSA)** which offers trainers the chance to register for inclusion on an approved list of trainers. To be accepted onto the list, trainers have to be assessed by the DSA and reach a quality and qualification standard. But the scheme does not stop there—the Register works in conjunction with the ERS.

Enhanced Rider Scheme (ERS)

Working with the motorcycle training industry, the DSA has put together this new training package. The ERS is based around a flexible syllabus which has been created to allow a trainer to deliver specialist advice and instruction based on the skills of the individual rider.

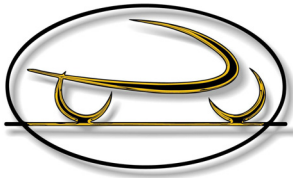
Riders will be assessed on their current level of skill, perception and hazard awareness, and then the trainer will deliver training aimed at re-enforcing the strengths and correcting any obvious weaknesses.

On completion of this training a rider will be issued with a DSA Certificate of Competence. However, this is not just

another piece of paper... **All of the major UK insurers recognise the holder of this certificate as being a better risk**, and will reward you accordingly with a genuine reduction on your insurance premium.

Insurers offering discounts under the ERS

Hastings Direct	www.hastingsdirect.com
MCE Insurance	www.mceinsurance.com
Carole Nash	www.carolenash.com
E Group	www.ebikeinsurance.co.uk
CIA Insurance Services	www.cia-insurance.co.uk
Devitt Insurance	www.devittinsurance.com
Lexham Insurance	www.lexhaminsurance.co.uk
Bikesure	www.bikesure.co.uk
Motorcycle Direct	www.motorcycledirect.co.uk
Chandler Direct	www.chandlerdirect.co.uk
Norwich Union Direct	www.norwichunion.com/
Premium Choice	www.premiumchoice.co.uk
Express Insurance	www.expresscarinsurance.co.uk
Rampdale	www.Rampdale.com
AA Insurance	www.theaa.com/insurance/motorbike-insurance.html
Direct Choice Insurance	www.directchoice.co.uk



BikeSafe

The ERS works hand in hand with **BikeSafe**. Operated by most police forces in the UK, BikeSafe focuses on assessing a riders skills and riding ability, highlighting areas that may need improvement. The length and structure of these assessment rides varies from force to force, but they all have the same objectives.

If you take a BikeSafe Assessment you can use the information that this provides to ensure that you get the best rider improvement guidance that you can. Your chosen trainer can use the BikeSafe Assessment to structure his time with you, ensuring that you get the very best results.

Whether you take a BikeSafe course or go direct to a trainer, it makes sense to decide exactly what it is you want to get out of your course. Make sure that you discuss this with your trainer and re-assure yourself that they will be able to deliver what you want.



"Bridging the Gap"

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