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Improve your riding skills and help reduce your insurance premium with the Enhanced Rider Scheme (ERS) training





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What is the Enhanced Rider Scheme?

It is a joint Driving Standards Agency (DSA) and Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) scheme designed for fully licensed motorcyclists and it's perfect for those of you who:

- have just passed your test
- · are upgrading to a more powerful bike
- are returning to biking after a break
- simply want a health check on your riding or are thinking of going onto a higher level

ERS is tailored to your needs. You do as little or as much training as required; it concentrates on identifying weaknesses around the key risk areas in on-road riding, such as bend negotiation, overtaking, filtering, positioning and junctions. The trainer's role is to help you to further develop your riding skill and reduce any risks.

How does it work?

- You book an ERS assessment with one of the expert trainers on the DSA Register of Post-Test Motorcycle Trainers (RPMT). For our current list of trainers, visit direct.gov.uk/ERS and click on the Register of Post-Test Motorcycle Trainers contact list, or call us on 0115 936 6546
- If your riding is assessed as satisfactory, the process ends there and you will be issued an ERS certificate
- If training is needed, a rider development plan is devised that concentrates on the specific areas needing attention, rather than taking a "one size fits all" approach
- Once you've completed your training, you'll receive a report and a DSA *Certificate of Competence – Enhanced Rider Bonus,* which then qualifies you for an insurance discount!



Who are the Trainers?

They are experienced motorcycle trainers who have had to demonstrate to DSA they have the necessary skills and experience to provide quality training to motorcyclists. They also have to undergo regular quality assurance checks to make sure they are maintaining a high standard.

How much does it cost?

The structure of the training is determined by individual trainers. Many courses are run on a daily basis but some trainers prefer to offer shorter sessions. The cost of the training will vary from provider to provider, and often from rider to rider dependent on individual needs. Talk to your local ERS trainers to find the best choice for you.

How do I claim the insurance discount?

Once you've completed your training and received your DSA *Certificate of Competence – Enhanced Rider Bonus*, contact one of the insurers below to get a full quote, stating the name of the certificate.

The insurance companies

The majority of motorcycle insurance companies offer discounts to riders who hold the DSA *Certificate of Competence – Enhanced Rider Bonus.* The brokers currently sponsoring this scheme are:

AA Insurance Bennett's Insurance Bikesure Carole Nash Chandler Direct CIA insurance Devitt Direct Choice Insurance E Bike Express Insurance Hastings Direct Lexham MCE Insurance Motorcycle Direct Norwich Union Direct Premium Choice Rampdale Swinton Insurance

The scheme is supported by the following insurers:

- AXA Chaucer Insurance Equity Red Star Groupama Highway
- KGM Link/Zenith NIG Norwich Union Royal & Sun Alliance