

# What is competency-based training and assessment (CBTA)?

CBTA is a training and assessment option for people getting their motorcycle licence. Instead of taking a practical test at each stage of your licence, you can choose to have your riding skills assessed by an approved CBTA assessor.

Although training isn't compulsory, we recommend you complete training before attempting the assessment ride. This will ensure that you have the necessary riding skills and you're fully prepared to do the assessment.

The assessments are designed to ensure you're competent in a prescribed range of riding skills, which are important to keep you safe when riding on our roads.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CBTA?

If you choose the CBTA option, there are a number of benefits:

- It can reduce the time it takes you to gain your restricted and/or full motorcycle licence.
- It improves your riding skill levels by targeting high-risk riding behaviours, which allows for a safer road system for you and other road users.
- You'll get feedback on your riding ability and you'll be provided with training on how to ride smarter and safer. These improvements will help you make smarter choices on the road.

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

There are two stages to CBTA - the learner stage and the restricted stage. You can choose CBTA in one, or both of the stages, to get your restricted and/or full motorcycle licence.

## WHO CAN I TRAIN WITH?

You can choose the style of training suited to your needs. You can complete your training with one of the approved CBTA assessors or any other qualified motorcycle riding instructor.

There are also government-subsidised and tailored training courses available through the Ride Forever National Training Programme. Ride Forever courses provide extensive on-road training. The core competencies covered are based on the skills required for the assessments. The courses are available throughout New Zealand.

Visit the Ride Forever website at [www.rideforever.co.nz](http://www.rideforever.co.nz) for more information.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you're interested in CBTA and want to find out more about your options for progressing through the motorcycle licensing system, visit our website at [www.nzta.govt.nz/cbta](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/cbta)

You'll find all the information you need, including a course guide, and questions and answers.

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## Competency-based training and assessment provides an option when choosing how to get your motorcycle licence.

This option can reduce the amount of time it takes you to get your restricted or full licence, while ensuring you have the skills and knowledge you need to ride safely on New Zealand roads.

You can choose between the existing driver licence testing regime and the competency-based training and assessment courses, or a combination of the two, to gain your restricted and/or full motorcycle licence.

# Options for getting your motorcycle licence

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## Getting your learner licence

16+  
years

Complete  
basic handling  
skills test (BHST)

Apply for your  
learner licence  
and pass the  
theory test

✓ **HOLDER  
OF CLASS 6**  
Learner licence

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## Getting your restricted licence

### A Practical test option

Undertake optional training at any point to prepare for the practical test  
You must have held your learner licence for **at least six months** and be **at least 16½ years of age** before applying

- Apply for your restricted licence
- Sit and pass the practical test

### B Competency-based training and assessment (CBTA) option

Undertake optional training at any point to prepare for the assessment (**recommended**)

Be assessed by an approved CBTA assessor at any time

Once you've passed, you'll get a certificate to use to apply for your restricted licence

This stage has **no minimum time restriction**, but you must be at least 16½ to apply for your restricted licence

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## Getting your full licence

### C Practical test option

Undertake optional training at any point to prepare for the practical test  
You must have held your restricted licence for **at least 18 months** and be **at least 18 years of age** before applying

- Apply for your full licence
- Sit and pass the practical test

### D Competency-based training and assessment (CBTA) option

Undertake optional training at any point to prepare for the assessment (**recommended**)

Be assessed by an approved CBTA assessor after you've held your restricted licence for at least 9 months

Once you've passed, you'll get a certificate to use to apply for your full licence

You must have held your restricted licence for **at least 12 months** and be **at least 17½ years of age** before applying for your full licence

Full licence ●

✓ **HOLDER  
OF CLASS 6**  
Full licence