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## ABOUT US

MSA Rider Training is Ireland's Premier Motorcycle Training school.

Our Chief instructor Michael Ganly is an approved ADI, a RoSPA Diploma holder in Advanced Motorcycle Tuition and is one of 2 RoSPA Examiners in Ireland. See [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com)

All our instructors are highly qualified. We always use bike-to-bike radios.

MSA Rider Training delivers its Training/Instruction to the highest standard whether you are a total beginner, just return to motorcycle or planning to up your skills to a RoSPA Standard.

We have brought many students from raw beginners on a journey through their test and onwards to motorcycle touring in Europe.

Our approach to rider training is thorough, and flexible. No two riders are the same. Everyone progresses at a different rate. We do not try to fit you into a rigid program. Whilst there are a number of steps to take to go from "Complete beginner" to "Expert" our approach is flexible enough to be adapted to precisely suit your specific needs. The following describes the principle courses and elements of MSA Rider Training, these can be "customised" to suit your precise needs.

We are insistent that only the very highest standards are good enough for today's road and traffic conditions. Consequently you will find our training is very thorough.

All initial instruction is on a 1:1 basis – the rate of your progress is not held back or forced by others in the class.

We are absolutely dedicated to ensuring that anyone who is trained by us is taught to ride "the right way" so that even in the most testing of conditions they can remain safe and derive the maximum enjoyment from their motorcycling.

We have gained an enviable reputation for the thoroughness and quality of our training and refuse to compromise or cut costs simply to gain business. We do not pretend to be 'the cheapest'.

If you have a wish to ride a motorcycle for commuting or touring we can help you achieve this goal.

If you are unsure as to whether you could ride a motorcycle why not join us on one of our Motorcycle Academy Days which will give you the opportunity with an instructor to try out a motorcycle away from the public road.

The main objective in all of this is your SAFETY.

For information on Motorcycle Tours see [www.motorcycltouring.com](http://www.motorcycltouring.com)

## Booking

You must book your chosen course in Advance. The lead-in time for weekdays is usually shorter than for Saturdays. Very occasionally we have some Sunday vacancies. Call 01 880 1009 Mondays to Fridays

For bookings and enquiries or by e-mail: [hello@ridertraining.ie](mailto:hello@ridertraining.ie)

## What is Initial Basic Training?

Initial Basic Training (IBT) is a mandatory training course that teaches basic riding skills to learner motorcyclists. It is part of the RSA's [Graduated Driver Licensing \(GDL\)](#) scheme and is intended to improve [road safety](#).

## What does IBT involve?

IBT is a 16 or 18 hour course broken into [four separate modules](#) to be completed in sequence. These modules are a mixture of theory and practical riding skills.

When you have completed your IBT course, your instructor will record the details of your training in your [logbook](#) and issue you with a [Certificate of Satisfactory Completion](#).

You can now apply for your [practical driving test](#).

## The Progression module

If you want to upgrade the bike you ride (e.g. from automatic to manual or tricycle to two-wheeler) you can complete a [progression module](#). This module allows you to get the training you need to operate a different type of bike without having to repeat the whole IBT course.

## Benefits of IBT

Completing your initial basic training course means you will:

- learn to become a safer road user.
- develop a strong understanding of basic motorcycle riding skills.
- be able to practice your riding unaccompanied on a public road.

## **Back to Biking**

One or two days training, essentially for those with some previous riding experience or "born again" The aim is to get you to the stage where you are safe enough to ride on your own in all normal conditions.

This course is also suitable for those who have not ridden for many years (i.e. "born again" riders)

The course can be done either using your own machine or alternatively on one of our school bikes which range from 125cc up to 650cc.

We then move on to "machine control". It is not until you have mastered good machine control that you would be taken out into light traffic. As the on-road training progresses you would be introduced to heavier and more demanding traffic conditions until, towards the end, you would be able to ride safely in Dublin city-centre traffic without compromising the safety of yourself or anyone else.

PLEASE NOTE: You must hold current licence before we can take you on the road. If you are using your own machine rather than one of our School Bikes, your machine must be properly taxed and insured.

## **PRE-TEST COURSE**

This is a 3 hour day course is designed to bring your riding technique to the standard required for the DRSA Driving test tests for "AM". "A1" A2 and A category licences for both geared and automatic machines.

The Course comprises:

- Essential Theory and Safe Riding Tactics
- Briefing on the Test Requirements
- A Rules of the Road Self-Test
- Plenty of on-road practice covering all aspects of the Test
- Introduction to sample test routes.

For your test if you do not own a machine in the correct category we can supply the motorcycle for your test.

## **ADVANCED RIDER TRAINING**

We believe that EVERY motorcyclist should eventually aim to pass the RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) Advanced Test at either the Silver or Gold level. ( or a least ride their bike to that standard.)In our view, until you can do this, you are deluding yourself if you think you have learned all you need to know!

The objective of our instruction is to get you to a high standard of motorcycling with the ultimate goal of achieving a silver or gold RoSPA.. This is as high a level of attainment as a civilian rider can achieve. Whilst some riders may need more time, most, provided they are prepared to do a lot of practice on their own, should reach the standard with a day or two's instruction.

The training always be done with you using your own machine. Each day will start from our Ballymount Training Base.

You will meet your instructor for the day, receive a briefing and after some brief warm-up exercises in the training area, you will be equipped with a radio and then head out onto the road with your instructor.

The instruction will cover all aspects of riding, for example:

- Steering, Balance and correct use of feet when moving off and stopping.
- Use of the clutch, gears and throttle.
- Use of the brakes.
- Your forwards observation and hazard perception.
- Your rear observation, use of the mirrors and the "Lifesaver".
- Your road positioning, on the straight, on left and right turns and on corners.
- How you make safe progress and your use of speed and compliance with limits.
- Safe overtaking.
- Your vehicle sympathy.
- Your judgement of distance, keeping a safe distance in traffic.
- Your concentration.
- Your compliance with the Rules of the Road

You will encounter all kinds of roads and traffic conditions during your training: city, suburban. Motorway, dual-carriage way, National roads, Regional roads and smaller back roads.

Special attention will be given to areas where the majority of riders are a danger to themselves (often without realising it!) such as cornering and overtaking.

To reach the standard requires not only training but also your commitment to put in lots of serious, dedicated practise between training sessions and before the test.

Few riders would achieve the standard with just one session, most would need two and some could need three.

When it comes to eventually taking the RoSPA Advanced Test, there are four possible outcomes:

1. Failure, but if your riding was not to standard we would not encourage you to go for the test.
2. Bronze: this award means in effect, you are getting there but haven't yet arrived! You are invited to try again in 3 to 6 months time.
3. Silver: means a well above average rider. This award covers a wide range from just above Bronze to just below Gold. This is the level we would expect the vast majority of riders to achieve on their first attempt.
4. Gold: this is the ultimate level. Very few riders achieve this level first time out but most do on a re-test.

**Both Silver and Gold attract a 30% discount with AXA / AON and 10% with Carole Nash and 35% with Liberty.**All riders are encouraged to repeat the test every three years. This is an excellent way of ensuring that your riding remains in peak condition..

## **INSTRUCTOR TRAINING COURSES**

**MSA Rider Training** have an enviable reputation for the quality of our instructors. We have an extremely high-quality, very thorough and very demanding instructor training programme. This in-depth, intensive programme is to a standard well in excess of that required by the RSA for ADI approval.In order to be considered for **MSA** instructor training the candidate would have to be a very experienced rider who has achieved a very high personal standard of riding such as the RoSPA Advanced at Gold level.

## COURSE COSTS

Our courses are mainly on a one to one basis and are tailored to suit your individual requirements.

Some examples of our course costs are listed below.

We in addition can supply all category insured motorcycles and motorcycle gear .

For further information call us .

Motorcycle Academy	€150
IBT	from €450
Pre Test	from €150
Back to Biking	from €150
Advanced	from €300
Instructor Course	Contact us for information