



License Requirements

The DVLA license requirements for electric motorbikes (classed as moped, as engine restricted to approximately. 31 miles per hour) are as follows;

The rider will need to complete a CBT course to ride a moped. For the purposes of licensing requirements, the electric motorbike is classed as a moped, as its electric motor does not exceed the equivalent of 50 cc and its maximum design speed does not exceed approximately 31 miles per hour.

If however the rider obtained their car license before 1 February 2001 they will not need to complete a CBT to ride a moped or an electric motorbike with said specifications.

The CBT course involves five elements:

- A. introduction
- B. practical on-site training
- C. practical on-site riding
- D. practical on-road training
- E. practical on-road riding

The five elements have to be completed in sequence, although the order of the exercises within the element can be varied. The applicant will only move on to the next element when the instructor is satisfied that they have learnt the necessary theory and demonstrated the practical skills to a safe basic level. Trainees must, by law, receive a minimum two hour on-road ride in Element E.



Certificate of completion (DL 196)

When all five elements have been satisfactorily completed, a certificate of completion, called the DL196, is issued. This is a legal document which validates the relevant entitlements on the driving license. It is important that the holder of a DL196 considers the following points:

- A DL196 certificate validating a provisional moped or provisional motorcycle entitlement lasts for two years - CBT will have to be retaken if both theory and practical tests are not passed within the two year certificate life
- For moped entitlement only, if the rider has passed their car driving test whilst their DL196 is still current or complete a CBT course and obtain a DL196 after passing their test, the certificate is not subject to expiry, they will therefore need to keep your DL196 certificate safely. Please note that this applies to mopeds only, for riding motorcycles as a learner the DL196 remains valid for two years

Once the rider has their certificate they are advised to take additional training to pass their theory and practical tests and qualify for a motorcycle or moped license. You must take the DL196 certificate with you when you go to your practical test.

ZrO Ltd recommends CBT is completed by Hackney City Council staff that will need to use this vehicle. Please note this outlines the general requirements and the DVLA should be contacted directly for specific requirements regarding Hackney City Council staff.

*source – DVLA website,

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/LearnerAndNewDrivers/RidingMotorcyclesAndMopeds/DG_4022430