

Motorcycle Associate Training Pathway and Guidelines

RoSPA Advanced Drivers & Riders, Edinburgh & Lothian include a group of volunteer RoSPA Approved Motorcycle Tutors to help private individuals who wish to achieve the standard of riding to take the RoSPA Advanced Riders Test.

Training involves a Motorcycle Tutor accompanying you on her or his own motorcycle for sessions from one to two hours to assess, discuss and advise on your riding technique and progress. Typically, this will involve up to ten sessions (including mock test) to attain the RoSPA Advanced Rider standard.

There is a waiting list for training, and interested parties can apply to be placed on the waiting list.

When the training applicant reaches the top of the waiting list and a Motorcycle Tutor is available, they will be contacted by the Group and invited to apply for Motorcycle Associate Membership of the Group.

It is very important at this point that the potential Motorcycle Associate be prepared to commit to the course schedule. Unfulfilled utilisation of the Bike Tutor's time, commitment and effort is extremely demoralising and unhelpful to the Group's mission achievement. Applicants should be aware of the following conditions:

1. The Group expects a course to proceed with a tutored ride on a weekly or fortnightly basis.
2. The time between tutored sessions must be such that momentum is not lost on course progress and that the course does not extend beyond a strict five (5) month / twenty (20) week period.
3. The commencement of this defined period will be calculated from the date of the first tutored ride.
4. Tutored rides will terminate at the end of this defined period.
5. Tutored rides will also halt, if during the course, three arranged rides are cancelled.

Any Associates affected by conditions 4 and 5 above are welcome to discuss circumstance issues with the Training Officer or designated Advanced Bike Tutor.

In the event that a training course is interrupted and causal circumstances are determined to be reasonable, all efforts will be made by the Group to recommence training when the Motorcycle Associate again becomes available.

RoSPA Advanced Drivers & Riders, Edinburgh & Lothian Motorcycle Associate Membership and joining fee costs £40.00. This includes full Group membership and subscription, after test pass, up to the following 1st of April which is the start of the Group's membership session. If the Motorcycle Associate joins after 1st September onwards, then membership and subscription will carry forward to 1st April the next again year.

Motorcycle Associate membership or full Group membership includes the prerogative for the Motorcycle Associate or full member to apply for car training within the Group providing they hold the necessary motorcar licence qualification, have access to a legally operated motorcar, and are willing to join the Car Waiting For Training List.

There is an additional charge of £70.00 payable at the time of joining as a Motorcycle Associate to cover the Motorcycle Tutor's fuel expenses.

There is no reimbursement facility of Group membership or joining fee or fuel costs actually incurred once training has commenced.

Fuel fees will be refunded if less than 10 sessions are required, however in the event that more than 10 sessions are required, additional fuel fee costs will be incurred

When payment have been received, a Motorcycle Tutor from the Group will contact the Motorcycle Associate and a mutually convenient time and date will be arranged to commence RoSPA Advanced Rider Training.

Motorcycle Associates will require, if they do not already possess them, copies of:

- The Highway Code (June 2015 Edition)
- Motorcycle Roadcraft – The Police Rider's Handbook (August 2013 Edition)

Either of these publications can be sourced online from Amazon (discounted price) or from most reputable bookshops.

It is expected that Motorcycle Associates are willing to rendezvous at a venue convenient to the Motorcycle Tutor and honour pre-arranged meeting times, giving maximum notice in the event of cancellation.

It should also be understood that the Motorcycle Associate is expected to read the course literature, study the advised publications and to practice their riding technique between tutored sessions.

The RoADAR Advanced Rider Test fee is currently £66.00 (or £56.00 if under 26 years of age). This fee is payable direct to RoSPA HQ just prior to test and includes your first year membership to RoSPA Advanced Drivers & Riders. Please note this is a separate membership to the Edinburgh & Lothians Group membership.

Active or previous licence endorsements do not preclude applicants from Motorcycle Associate membership of the Group but must be declared to RoSPA HQ when joining the national organisation after passing the RoSPA Advanced Riding Test.

If the training course is interrupted by the non-attendance of the Motorcycle Associate without reasonable explanation and reasonable efforts by the Group to contact the Motorcycle Associate to recommence training fail, then the Motorcycle Associate will be removed from active training. A letter confirming this action will be sent to the Motorcycle Associate's last known address.

Again, in the event that a training course is interrupted and causal circumstances are determined to be reasonable, all efforts will be made by the Group to recommence training when the Motorcycle Associate again becomes available.

Any issues that arise during the training period that cause concern or effect the Motorcycle Associate from participating fully in the training course and cannot be resolved with the Motorcycle Tutor must be communicated to the Training Officer.