

Introduction

The older driver licensing system is designed to balance the safety of road users and the general community, whilst allowing the continued independence and mobility of older drivers and riders.

There is no upper age limit for any class of licence. When you reach a certain age, you must undergo a periodical medical examination and/or riding test as specified by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to make sure you are medically fit to hold a rider licence. TfNSW sends a notice by mail eight weeks before your birthday.

TfNSW requires that you have an annual medical and a biennial (every two years) riding test even if you hold a three or five year licence.

Older rider overview

Compulsory medical reports

If you hold a driver/rider licence you must provide a satisfactory medical report at specified intervals, after a certain age.

Licence type	At which age?	How often?
C, LR, MR, HR, HC, Rider R	75	Annually
MC	21	Every ten years
	40	Every five years
	60	Every two years
	70	Every year

Older driver and rider test / assessments 80 – 84 years old

If you are between 80 and 84 years old, and hold a rider (class R) unrestricted licence, you don't need to take a practical riding test, although you must have a medical review every year to keep your licence.

You must pass all the reviews and assessments before your birthday each year. If you are not able to do this, you must contact Service NSW for advice.

Older driver and rider test / assessments 85 and over

When you reach 85 you are required to have a medical review every year to keep your licence. You can also choose to have a modified licence. To keep your unrestricted motorcycle rider licence (Class R), you will need to take an aged Motorcycle Operator Skills Test (MOST) every second year. If you live in a declared area, contact your nearest Rider Training Provider to ask for an Aged MOST. If you live in an undeclared area, contact a Service NSW centre by phone or in person to book an Aged Rider Kerbside Test.

Modified licence

A modified licence lets you keep riding once you reach 85, under certain conditions. If you choose a modified licence, you do not need to attempt a practical riding assessment (Aged MOST).

Modified license conditions are printed on the back of the card. You must comply with the conditions on your licence when riding. For example, you may choose to drive only within a certain distance of your home, or only at certain times of the day. You should discuss options with your doctor, who can advise you on ways to keep you safe on the road.

Once you are ready to apply for a modified licence, visit a Service NSW centre. The manager will discuss your individual needs with you and work out the conditions that meet your driving/riding needs.

Older rider Motorcycle Operator Skills Test (MOST)

If you live in a declared area, a Practical Skills Test (MOST) at a Rider Training Centre is required. You must contact a Rider Training Centre to schedule an Aged MOST. The Rider Training Centre will request approval for a free Aged MOST via TfNSW before confirming the booking.

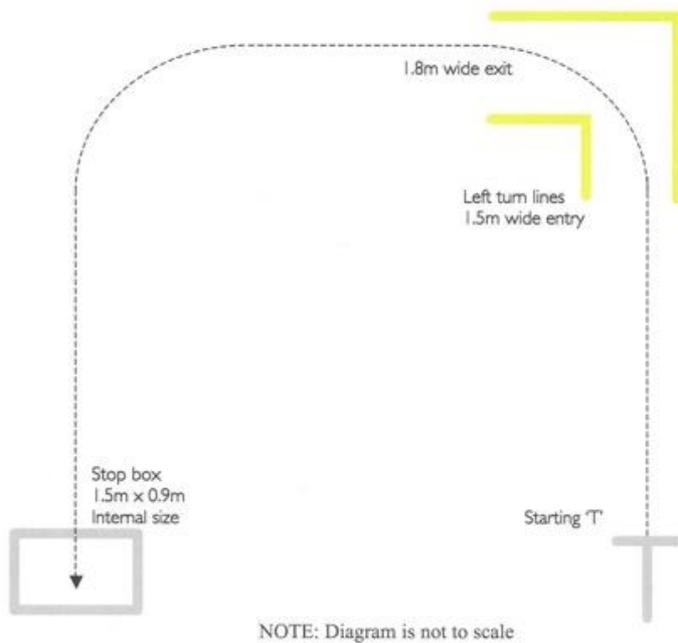
If you live in an undeclared area, a Kerbside Test at a Service NSW centre is required. You do not need to pay for an aged kerbside test but motorcycle hire for the test is not available.

Older rider MOST test manoeuvres

During the practical riding test, you will be evaluated on a number of specific manoeuvres. The following information will help you practice these manoeuvres before taking the test. The MOST has been modified for the Aged Rider.

Left turn and stop in the box

- Make a left turn through marked yellow lines.
- Make a smooth, non-skidding stop with the 'contact patch' of the front tyre completely inside the white painted box.
- The test is done at whatever speed, and in whatever gear you choose.
- Points are accumulated for:
- Touching the yellow lines or putting your foot on the ground, during the left turn
- Skidding either wheel or stopping with the 'contact patch' of the front tyre outside the white painted box. Stopping on the line is considered outside the box.

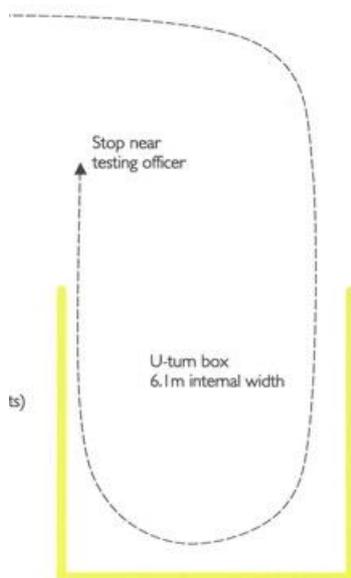


U-turn

- Make a right (clockwise) 'U-turn' within the box, formed by the yellow lines.
- This test is done at whatever speed, and in whatever gear you choose. After completing the U-turn, stop near the testing officer.

Points are accumulated for:

- Touching the yellow lines during the U-turn.



Obstacle turn

- On the testing officer's signal, proceed between the blue and yellow cones, at a speed of 20-25km/h.
- When the front tyre edge passes the yellow cones, steer to the right or left (the side the testing officer is standing on), to avoid hitting the half tennis ball. Then, turn back in before hitting the side blue lines.
- If your speed is under 20 km/h, you will be asked to perform a second turn.
- If you turn early, or prepare to turn before the yellow cones, you will be asked to perform a second turn.
- If your speed is under 20 km/h, or you turn early on the second attempt, a fail will be recorded.
- Once you have completed the obstacle turn, bring your motorcycle back to where the testing officer is standing.

Points are accumulated for:

- Hitting a half tennis ball or either blue line - a fail will be recorded.
- Turning to the incorrect side (you must turn to the side that the testing officer is standing on) - a fail will be recorded.

