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The law

The motorcycle training industry is regulated by the driving standards agency (DSA), and there are strict rules associated with motorcycle training. The licencing of motorcyclists is also quite a complicated matter with rules relating to the age, size and power of motorcycles.

Essentially there three stages of qualification to become a fully qualified motorcycle instructor.

Down-trained:

Trained and assessed by a qualified instructor and permitted to train at Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) level only.^{1*}

CBT1C:

Attended the DSA centre at Cardington and passed a rigorous two day assessment. This permits you to train at CBT level and down train other new instructors.^{2*} This is the minimum qualification to hold Approved Training Body Status (ATB)

DAS:

Already CBT1C (cannot progress directly to DAS) and attended DSA centre at Cardington and passed a further half-day assessment. This permits you to train DAS in addition to CBT.

^{1*} Currently there is no qualification in respect of teaching new riders on 125cc machines post CBT.

^{2*} This is the minimum qualification required to hold Approved Training Body Status (ATB). This qualification is required prior to qualification to conduct Direct Access (DAS) courses